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2d dam Full Cry, by Vandal.

3d dam Springbrook, by Lexington.

ELECTIONEER, 125, by Hambletonian, 10; sire of Nettie, 2.18, and 39 others. Daughters are dams of 110, including Stamboul, 2 07 1-2, Balloon, 2.11 1-2, Greenlander, 2.12, and champion of two miles in harness, 4.32, and grand sire of 1611, including Nancy Hanks, 2.04, Mascot, 2.04, first dam Green Mountain Maid, who has nine in 2.28 3-4 and better, making her the greatest brood mare; she is also grandam of 184, including Arion, 2.07 3-4, and holder of the two-year-old record, 2.10 3-4, by Harry Clay, 45, second dam Shanghai Mary, not traced.

PLANET got Dame Winnie, dam of Palo Alto, 2.08 1-2, Paola, 2.18, Altivo, 2.18 1-2; Gertrude Russell, 2.23 1-2; and Big Jim, 2.23 1-2; and is full brother to Exchequer, 3351, Sire of Lucille, 2.21, and Rigolette, 2.22.

VANDAL got the dam of Proctor, 2.29 1-2, sire of Charley Green, 2.24 1-2.

IMP. TRUSTEE appears as frequently in trotting pedigrees as almost any thoroughbred horse, remote crosses of his blood being found in Palo Alto, 2.08 1-2, Hopeful, 2.14 3-4, Antico, 2.16 1-4, and others.

IMP. GLENCOE, thoroughbred, got the second dams of Faronia, 2.15, and J. B. Richardson, 2.17 1-2; while his thoroughbred son Rifleman got Col. Lewis, 2.18 3-4; and Col. Grayson, another thoroughbred son, got the dam of Loretta F., 2.18 1-4.

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CLEARING ROADSIDES.

The interest in improved roads is so great through the state that legislation has come to the rescue, and has appropriated money to be invested under certain regulations for the purpose of securing better roads in the farming sections. But while much is said relative to grading or macadamizing, and otherwise improving the traveled part of our roads there seems to be little said about clearing away brush small trees, etc., on the sides of country roads, thus leaving to the traveler an unobstructed view of the houses and lands. I live in a corner where three roads pass, and I think I can truthfully say, that I can drive ten miles in either direction, without passing two miles where the road side is cleared away back to the fence on both sides of the road way. I am confident that I cut enough of a good quality of fodder on the roadside about my farm to amply repay me for the trouble and expense of yearly mowing, but if I didn't I would do it for the looks. But some farmers want the town to cut the bushes or pay them for doing it. Do such men appreciate the truth that the value of their farms is much enhanced by a nicely and neatly kept border around them?

As a rule where there is a cleanly cut roadside about a farm, there is also a nice and tidy dwelling house, barn and other buildings, also a neatly kept and tilled farm. To clear up the roadside is no great tax at first, and after it is done you will get your reward in pleasure and increased value of farm.—New England Farmer.

THE TEN-ACRE FARM.

The young man who starts on ten acres of good land, near a village where he can get his supply of manure and find a market for his produce, will start on a safe basis, for small farms always sell more readily and at better prices than large ones, and if he concludes later that he wants more land, he can sell and buy more land near enough so that he can work it economically. What shall a man with a ten-acre farm grow? Evidently he cannot make a living from corn, hay, wheat, hogs and cattle, as a man may with a quarter-section of land, and so he must study his market and soil and decide with which of the many profitable products which are possible to him he can do best. As with a large farm, I would advise first that he grow as far as possible everything that his family can use. Milk, butter, eggs, poultry, fruits and vegetables can all be grown in the greatest abundance, and it will not take one long to find out what his market demands, and to grow a surplus of such things.—New England Farmer.

CLIPPINGS.

It is estimated that the effect of the New York Raines law, forbidding saloons to offer free lunches, has closed an annual market for at least 15,000,000 pounds of cheese.

It is conceded that our country is now harvesting the second largest wheat crop on record, the crop of 1891 being the largest. The winter wheat is now principally cut, while the spring wheat, though late, is rapidly nearing maturity.

Corn is making a miserable mess of trying to get on towards a crop. Those farmers who changed their plans and sowed their intended cornfields to Hungarian and oats and peas, at this writing have the best of it.

Alsike clover stood the unfavorable conditions of the winter much better than the red clover. On much of the land where this variety of clover was seeded a very fair stand of the clover has been found at the cutting. This is a fact worthy of note by farmers in general. Is it a fact that alsike clover as a rule and through a service of years can be relied on to withstand our winters better than the red? What have our farmers to say about it?

A comparatively new market is being developed for the surplus wheat of our country. It is estimated that nearly 20 per cent of the wheat crop raised in the Pacific states last year was exported to China and Japan. This traffic has shown a gradual growth since its establishment about ten years ago. The increase of exports last year over past records was very remarkable. It is predicted by a good authority that this trade will before long absorb the entire wheat surplus of the coast states.

Thirty steers have been shipped from Chehalis County, Washington, to Circle City, Alaska, where it is expected they will arrive some time in August. The cost of getting them there will be about $10,000, but a profit is expected, as the steers weigh on the average 1,800 lbs. each and the meat will sell at half a dollar a pound. The steers are old ones, as young ones could not stand the journey. They will go by steamer to Juneau and then be driven to their destination, where they will have a month's grazing before being sold.

Many borers pass the winter as larvæ either in dead or dying twigs that remain on the trees or have fallen to the ground. All dead and dying wood should, therefore, be removed from orchards in the winter. Almost every dead or dying branch contains borers in some stage, and should these find their way to the brush-heap they should by no means be allowed to lie till the following summer, but ought to be burned before the first of April.

The tendency to economize at the farmers' expense continues very marked in the Connecticut legislature. The latest move is to abolish the board of agriculture, but we see no genuine effort to abolish less useful and more expensive offices. In Massachusetts, the tendency seems to be toward state centralization without reference to economy. A bill has been before the legislature to compel towns to unite in employing a superintendent of schools. The next step will be to transfer the entire management of the public schools from the people to the state board of education. Both these tendencies should be scotched.

Scrofula Eruptions

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THE DRIFT FROM THE FARM.

Among the many problems that are presented for solution and have engaged the attention of thinking men, none probably has a more serious outlook and is reckoned a greater evil than the drift of population from the farm to the city. The magnitude of this tendency is greater perhaps than is commonly imagined. A reference to the census tables shows the evil to be wide spread and exists in all sections. In the four great agricultural states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, half the townships were less populous in 1890 than in 1880, while the large cities had vastly increased in size. As a consequence there was a large decrease in the productive enterprises carried on in the rural districts.

In New York state two-thirds of the townships became less populous, and more than one-third of the counties, while the population of the cities increased immensely. In New England the change was still greater, and in Maine hardly any rural town retained the population it had in 1880. The result we see in abandoned farms, smaller schools, fewer school privileges, poorer roads, decaying mills, increased taxation, reduced valuation, lack of interest and much discontent. Various causes are assigned for this state of things. To a combination of causes may be attributed the unnecessary conditions we have to meet and which we seek to modify or remove. Many, if not all of the causes are the outgrowth of our modern civilization, or they are the result of traits of character transmitted along the line from savagery to society. We have inherited from savage ancestry love of ease, love of ornament and cruelty; and civilization has developed intemperance, rapacity and avarice. Never in the world's history was there such a scramble for wealth and power as at the present time. Never since the dawn of civilization were so many excellent qualities that the civilizing process has evolved. But those are not to our purpose now.

Good and evil still exist and the millenium has not come.

"Evil comes and evil goes,
But it moves me never,
For the good, the good it grows,
Buds and blossoms ever."

Another poet says:

"Wherever God erects a house of prayer,
The devil always builds a chapel there."

And it will be found upon investigation that the latter has the larger congregation.

But I am drifting, and I wish to quote right here from good Mr. Horr of the Tribune. He says: The great struggle of life should be to keep from losing faith in our country and in humanity. It is a striking sentiment to me. The idea of struggling to keep our faith in our country.

Now I will return to the main subject, establish myself and try to make a few points, and show why, as it seems to me, the people leave the farms. Some have inherited a restless disposition from restless, discontented mothers. These are useful; they go to people new lands. We have retained through all the changes from barbarism a love of ornament, and our civilization has led to the cultivation of the beautiful, the ornamental and the nice things. Nice is much used in trade to describe high quality, but not properly. So there has been cultivated a desire and taste for fine or nice things, as fine house, fine furniture, fine clothes, and so on through the list.

The average farmer cannot afford these, and so the wife is dissatisfied, and the son who has developed high notions from classical training in the high school is discontented.

Another point. Man is naturally lazy. Few, if any of us, would work unless we were obliged to or had got in the way or habit of working. There is inherent in man's nature a love of ease. There is an aversion to effort. The love of ease hampers effort, and yet only by effort, exertion and exercise can the human being be developed and made useful, and be able to perform the labor required of him. And notwithstanding this great principle in the laws of nature that exercise strengthens and develops the mental and physical faculties and that a sturdy and vigorous manhood cannot be acquired except by persevering labor, we all the time are planning to save labor, to get rid of effort, to avoid exertion. Inventive people are racking their brains to invent labor-saving machines and increase production. And what will be the result finally, on the race, if this rage of invention goes on? Now to carry on a New England farm successfully requires considerable hard labor. Some leave the farm because of the hardship attending its management, because of the care and endless labor; some leave the farm and find a tenement in the village or city and establish a temporary or permanent home there, for the purpose of giving their children the advantage of better schools than the rural town can possibly provide. This is sometimes the proper course, probably, but there seems to be some defect in the management or arrangement, when a family must leave home to get their children educated. Are we not educating too much?

But the chief reason why the farms are sold or abandoned and why the son does not stay on the farm is because the income is too small. It is hardly sufficient to meet the expenses. There is not much at the present time to induce the cultivation of the soil for profit. This the average farmer finds to be true. Then farm life is dull and monotonous and does not lead to eminence in social or political life, and as a general thing the isolation and seclusion make drear the home and nurture discontent.

Several reasons I have given why there is a drifting of population from the farm. More and stronger reasons there may be, but these are sufficient for the case and for the occasion. Much has been said and much has been written on this great social and industrial movement from the farm to the city, and the process still goes on and will go on until things adjust themselves. And if in the brief time allotted to most of us, no change in the current is realized, then must we adapt ourselves to the conditions as best we may.

But is there no remedy for this inbred dislike for the farm? If this drift be an evil and adverse to the highest welfare of the nation, and has been induced by the advocacy of false theories and the adoption of false standards and by improper education, then to correct the evil and bring about reform, right ideas must prevail. Ideas rule the world. Prof. Huxley once said, "The creation of a new habit of thought is a greater achievement than any material invention." What we need to do is to create a new habit of thought, and have our homes and schools and the grange unfold and develop a new line of thought in the right direction. Ruskin says, "A remedy for public evils is public education directed to make men thoughtful, merciful and just."—Alonzo Smith in Turf, Farm and Home.

The bearing canes of raspberries and blackberries should be removed immediately after fruiting. Cut out all small weak canes, leaving only five or six in the hill. The removal of old canes leaves no hiding place for worm or bug, or eggs for same. It also allows the free circulation of air and the sun penetrates the centre of the bush, making canes strong and vigorous with a good development of fruit buds for the following season. The removal and burning of all dead, weak and surplus growth is the best preventative again t disease.

Go through the Fairbanks' scale works and they point to you the little piles of metal dust on the floor and tell you that the saving of this dust represents about all the margin of profit. How many farmers allow a greater waste than this to run through an augerhole in the stable floor rather than gather and use absorbents. Is it any wonder that farming does not pay, or that farms are abandoned?

FELIX MARCHANT.

By CLARENCE PULLEN.

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CHAPTER I.

"It's a pity our horses should each cast a shoe today. It looks as if we should have a night ride of it on the plain."

As Felix Marchant said this he gave his cartridge belt a hitch and glanced eastward, where the wagon trail leading from the glorieta was lost to view in the windings of the pass.

"If the blacksmith had something less than a cavalcade of troop horses to shoe ahead of ours, we might get away in time to make the stage station before camping," he continued discontentedly. "But things being as they are we've got to wait and start when we can. We'll have to get along as far as we're able today, go into dry camp and strike the Peloncillos tomorrow. It's an interesting tract of country to cross—the San Simon plain. Indians, rustlers, reptiles and alkali, they're all on the programme. But we can't afford to lose any more time than we have to here. We must push through and take things as we find them."

The scene was southern Arizona and the time a bright September day in the seventies. In the hot sunshine of early afternoon but little life was astir about the adobe houses and dusty parade ground of Camp Bowie. A sentinel pacing his beat and the officer of the day were in sight, a half dozen Mexicans lounged listlessly in front of the post trader's store, and at the officers' quarters three or four garrison ladies, entertained by a young lieutenant, sat in the shade on a cottage veranda. The hammer of the post blacksmith, on whose motions Felix and I were waiting, rang in slow time through stillness unbroken by other sound than the random bray from some tethered mule or straying burro. On the sloping plateau below the military post a Mexican wagon train was drawn up to one side, and the swarthy teamsters lay asleep under the wagons, while the oxen, watched by a herder, grazed down the pass. Every feature of the landscape was sharply defined in light and shade, and through the thin, transparent, upland air the most distant peak looked near. The scene was full of the repose, the genial warmth, the illumination, of early autumn in Arizona.

While our horses stood before the blacksmith shop Felix and I strolled in the military burial ground, idly reading the names and dates on the wooden slabs set thickly about amid dusty grass and wild flowers and the fresh earth of new mounds. Beneath the name on every whitewashed headboard, in long rows, there faced us with awful uniformity the inscription in black letters, "Killed by Indians," and it brought to our minds more forcibly than anything else perhaps could have done that we were in the focus of ambuscade and massacre, the rock walled route of savage foray through long centuries, the picturesque and dangerous Apache pass.

We had ridden into Camp Bowie early that morning, coming from the San Pedro valley through the southwesterly opening of the pass. Within the canyon our way had lain amid graves, some marked with headboards or crosses, some showing only as mounds of earth or stone, and what mortal record could tell how many bodies of dead men we rode over, buried in times of Indian troubles obscurely under the trail to hide them from savage desecration? Trail and graves and grassy bottoms, shut in by seamed and fissured walls of red rock grown thinly about with gnarled pines and clumps of scrub oak—the brightness in sunlight, the gloom in shadow—told mutely their story of the Apache, of ambuscade and treacherous attack, of murder and torture which through untold generations have made this mountain pass of ominous name a veritable valley of death.

The wheels of the massive family carriage of Senor Don Ramon Velasquez Bustamante had imprinted the trail in advance of us that morning, coming from the southwest, and he had halted at Camp Bowie. Now, after his noonday meal, the stout don was lying at full length on a cowskin baceta spread on the ground in the shade of the carriage, peacefully enjoying his siesta. His mules, a little distance away, grazed on the hillside in the care of a servant, Manuel, who reclined near them beneath a tree and caught cat naps between their excursions.

While Don Ramon slept his daughter, Carmen, attended by her little Indian maid, Dolores, wandering about within right of the carriage, came near the burial ground. She was a charming picture of Mexican beauty, this senorita from the Santa Cruz valley, sauntering in the sunlight amid the grim surroundings of the lonely pass. Spanish blood steeped in southern sunshine flowed pure in her veins, and the traits of her birth and station were manifest in the unstudied grace, the mingled pride and gentleness of her bearing. Influences of race and climate had molded this young girl into those contours which in colder northern regions come only with maturer years. Her face, with its clear, pale olive tint, was set off most becomingly by the black lace mantilla worn over the heavy braids and coils of her dusky hair, and there was a suggestion of slumbering fire in the sleepy fall of long lashed lids over magnificent dark eyes.

As Carmen took her way past the cemetery she looked curiously over the low wall at the mounds and headboards and frankly at the two caballeros, Felix and myself, with our riding costumes of California jean much overlaid with cartridge belts and the dust of Arizona trails. After we had left the burial ground she passed within the wall, where, looking back, I saw her gathering wild flowers among the graves.

It was the middle of the afternoon before we could get our horses from the blacksmith. Saddling and mounting them, we rode toward the easterly mouth of the pass. As we crossed the parade ground an Indian courier, dusty and travel worn, rode a tired horse from the trail up to the quarters of the commanding officer, and before we were out of sight of Camp Bowie I saw an orderly going in haste across the parade ground toward the soldiers' barracks. Then a rocky point shut off the backward view as we followed the wagon trail that winds along the steep canyon side down to the San Simon plain.

As we emerged from the pass a wide, open valley lay before us, slightly depressed toward its middle and rising again toward its faroff eastern boundary, the foot of the Peloncillo mountains, which stretched north and south parallel with the Chiricahua range which we were leaving. Stein's peak rose loftily ahead, and our trail, the overland stage route across the plain, marked by telegraph poles and their wires, led well to its right. We carried our rifles across our saddle pommels as we rode the bay Missouri horses, Bill and Tip, which had borne us many a hundred miles in the Apache country. A single blanket and oilskin "slicker" were strapped behind each saddle, and a flour sack rolled in Felix's blanket held our provisions, bought at Camp Bowie. With canteens freshly filled with water before starting out, we felt that we had made all reasonable preparations for comfort and safety and entered on our journey with light hearts.

North and south the plain extended seemingly without limit. The summer had been rainy, and the grass and plants of the arid region had grown exuberantly. On delicate stems the razor blade heads of the grama grass waved in the breeze above the curly bunches from which they rose, and the plain was spangled with wild flowers. There were mimic thickets of the taller, coarser grasses, patches of sagebrush and greasewood and here and there a space of barren alkali ground. Low clumps of thorny mesquite trees dotted the landscape, miniature and grotesque groves of the larger yuccas and cactuses appeared, and growing near the ground were seen the prickly pear, the spiky soapweed and the trailing vine and odoriferous yellow fruit of the wild pumpkin.

Animal life was not lacking in the scene. A band of antelope fed in the distance, and jack rabbits bounded away at our approach and then sat upright and motionless, holding erect their prodigious, black tipped ears as they watched us out the corner of their eye. Slender, striped gophers ran lithely through the grass, to crouch, in an attitude of attention, at the entrance of their holes, and the chameleon lizards darted hither and thither with surprising swiftness. High in the air hawks and eagles swam in circles, with extended, motionless wings, and at one place, where the carcass of an ox lay by the wayside, a flock of buzzards were contesting the carrion with two coyotes. On the left, ahead, in a depression of the plain, a playa, or prairie lake, caused by the summer rains, glittered brilliantly blue in the sun.

The trail, worn hard and smooth by the travel of centuries, was an excellent roadway, and we pushed forward at a good pace, varying the fast walk and the trot to which our horses were accustomed by an occasional short gallop. Late in the afternoon we turned from the trail to the playa, 200 yards away. Near at hand, the water, so blue in the distance, revealed itself as turbid, and its recession through evaporation had left it surrounded by a wide, flat margin of hardened mud, deeply imprinted by the feet of birds and animals and white with alkali. Spreading as it did over ground that was almost level, the lake was astonishingly shallow, and the horses had to be ridden into it, far from the edge to find water deep enough for them to drink comfortably. Swarms of pallid, alkali fed mosquitoes rose about us, and the horses, tormented by their bites and not liking the water, stamped and pawed and moved about, drinking slowly, a little at a time.

Don Ramon had driven out of the pass an hour after us, but he traveled faster than we, and his ponderous carriage rolled along the trail as we sat on our horses at the lake. A water keg, swinging below the rear axle, showed that he was prepared to camp that night on the plain. The pair of Spanish mules, flanked by a led animal, drew the vehicle easily at a trot and, passing the playa, rapidly widened the distance from us. Manuel was driving the team, and beside him sat the Indian maid Dolores. As the carriage drew past the water sheet Don Ramon looked watchfully, perhaps suspiciously, at us from the window, and over his shoulder appeared for a few moments the fair face, the dark eyes and somber hair of Carmen.

The sun was an hour above the western mountains as we rode out of the water and resumed the trail. The mosquitoes followed and continued to annoy us until a friendly breeze blew them to leeward. The horses, refreshed by the halt and the water, moved with a brisker pace than before. We were nearing the middle of the plain, and the mountain ranges that bound it on the east and the west were equally in view. To the south, in the Chiricahuas, smoke was rising from unseen fires to several places on distant peaks and wooded mountain sides. As we rode on, noting all signs and movements around, far and near, as those need do who ride on Arizona prairies, it was seen that the smoke from some of the places rose strangely in spires and puffs. The sight of these mysterious signals was a sudden and unpleasant revelation to Felix and me. Each, by the same impulse, examined the cartridge in his rifle barrel and whirled the cylinder of his revolver to make sure that the weapon was in working order.

Felix spoke first.

"Indian fires," he said. "The Apaches are out. They're rendezvousing in the mountains about the San Simon plain."

I nodded, and he continued:

"I thought something was up when that courier rode in so much of a hurry into Camp Bowie. He probably brought news that the renegades have crossed the border. It wasn't to be expected they would let this moon go by without an outbreak."

"What about these renegades?" I asked. "I thought General Crook had got all the Apaches killed or safe in reservations."

"He didn't get them all," said Felix. "There were some 40 warriors of Cochise's old band, led by a chief named Skin-ya, who refused to come upon the San Carlos reservation and went across the border into Sonora. There they have been lurking since, keeping near the boundary line between the United States and Mexico. They pass to the one side or the other of the border, according as the Mexican or American troops get after them, and go on the warpath as often as they want horses and the excitement of killing white people. On their raids they are usually joined by Indians who steal away from the San Carlos and the Warm Springs reservations."

"Those fires certainly look as if the Indians were moving," I remarked. "What are we going to do about it?"

"I size up matters this way," said Felix. "The renegades have been coming up from Mexico in little parties, so as to divide their trail, and are gathering in the Chiricahua mountains. The fires are to bring them together and notify the reservation Indians where to join them. There is a full moon this week, and within a day or two—tonight, as likely as not, after moonrise, or tomorrow at daybreak—they will sweep the San Simon plain northward on their way to the Gila river. They will manage the business with the greatest cunning. One thing they are certain to lay out to do. That is to capture the east and the west bound overland stages so as to keep the news of their outbreak from getting out as long as possible. They will time their attack so as to corral them both. They're watching the plain from the mountain tops now like hawks. They've had their eye on us ever since we left the pass, and if we are on the plain when they move they won't slight us in their round up. What we've got to settle right away is this: Shall we go into camp at fall of darkness, as we have intended, or make a long night ride for the San Simon stage station?"

I knew Felix and that his judgment was to be trusted.

"I'll leave the matter with you," I said. "I know nothing better for us than to carry out the plan we have arranged and camp down on the prairie. We want to keep our horses fresh in case we should have to run for it, and it would be well not to exhaust the animals by a long night ride."

"That's just my idea of the best thing to do," said Felix. "Suppose we manage it this way: We'll stop a little before sundown and have supper. As soon as it grows dark we'll saddle up, push on and go into camp, off the trail, two or three miles ahead. The Indians once

She looked curiously over the low wall.

started must hurry along, for they know that the first tidings of their outbreak will bring the soldiers after them, and they won't spend much time hunting us in the dark. We'll get through that way if at all."

So it was agreed upon that we should follow this plan of operations. Soon we came to a clear, grassy space on the prairie. Here we stopped and picketed the horses out to graze. Bread we had, and a few dry branches of mesquite made a fire sufficient to frizzle some slices of bacon and to boil coffee in a pot extemporized from an emptied peach can. We fell to our supper with a good appetite just as the sun was going down behind the Chiricahua range. By the time we had eaten our meal and smoked a pipe darkness had fallen. The stars were out, and the distant mountains were lost in darkness as we saddled the horses, mounted and rode onward upon the trail.

The night was wonderfully fair, and the luminous stars shone with soft brightness through the misty blue of the high, cloudless sky. In the dusk the plain took on a new aspect. Its mesquite and other larger vegetation looked strange in shade and darkness and, with our motion, seemed themselves to move and change their places. Myriads of fireflies flashed above the darkened earth. The shriek of a coyote came from the direction of the plaza, which, still in sight, several miles away, threw back a reflection like dull, molten lead. Owls hooted from unknown regions of the night, and there were other calls and cries abroad which we could not identify.

We rode in silence at a fast walk for three quarters of an hour and then turned off the trail to where some clumps of mesquite stood in a space of open prairie. Here we unsaddled our horses and tied them to mesquite trees, giving them the length of their rope that they might graze freely. Then, with our saddles for pillows, Felix and I lay down on the ground to sleep, back to back, each rolled in his blanket, with rifle beside him and revolver by his head.

CHAPTER II.

To neither Felix nor me did sleep come at once. With each there was the foreboding that something out of the ordinary course would happen to us that night, and it was with an expectant feeling, serious enough, yet with somewhat of curiosity, that we waited for what the turn of events might bring us. That it was liable to be an ugly sort of visitation, if it fulfilled the import of those smoke spires on the mountains, we both were well aware.

We had taken the usual precautions that plainsmen take in a hostile Indian country; had paused in the darkness and listened, after turning off from the trail, to find if we were followed and before rolling up in our blankets had reconnoitered the space about us for a considerable distance on every side. There had been revealed no sign of danger. Neither of us had so much as mentioned the topic of Indians since we first had seen and remarked the smoke of the Apache fires. But it was a thought we both shared which Felix voiced when he said:

"That old Mexican's outfit seemed fixed as if he intended to go into camp on the plain tonight. I hope he's changed his mind and pushed on for the stage station. It's too bad to think of what might happen to that girl if the Apaches should jump his camp."

"You know how it is with those old dons born and bred in the southwest country," I said. "Hostile Indians have been so an everyday thing with them that they accept the situation as a matter of course. If they are attacked by Apaches, they believe it is the will of God, but they make the best fight they can. If they get the best of the savages, they bless their patron saints. But while they live they go about and attend to their business and pleasures near and far as freely as if they had never an Indian to trouble them."

"They live long lives, too, many of them, and die in their beds at last," commented Felix. "All don't have that fortune, however, by a long shot. I know prominent New Mexican families in which for generations nearly every man has sooner or later been killed by the Indians. Some of the Mexicans of the old stock are great Indian fighters—old Roman Baca of San Mateo and Colonel Miguel Chavez, for example."

"Yes, such men as these remind us of what their ancestors, the old conquistadores, must have been, who came up into this country with their arquebuses and lances and coats of mail three centuries ago and held their own against the Indians. Their blood tells in some of their descendants today, in the bravery of the men as well as the beauty of the women."

"Hello! What's stampeding the horses?"

Felix and I jumped to our feet in haste. With a loud snort, Bill, my riding horse, had dashed at a gallop as far as his lariat would permit and now stood at the end of the rope with ears erect and head and tail in the air. I went to the picket pin, saw that the end of the rope was securely fastened and then walked toward the horse. The sharp whistling rattle of a snake that I almost trod on checked my steps and caused me to start back in a hurry. The sound was twice repeated, each time farther away, as the unseen reptile that had startled the horse glided off under cover of the darkness. Bill, at my approach, became quiet, went again to feeding, and I returned to my blanket.

But we were not to fall asleep without being again aroused. The horses presently pricked their ears and looked toward the east. I turned in the direction of their gaze and saw the edge of the round, full moon rising above the Peloncillo mountains. From the same direction came the faint sound of swift trampling hoofs, growing louder, and soon their noise was intermingled with the rolling of light wheels. Felix lay between me and the trail, rolled in his blanket, the barrel of the long sharpe rifle by his side glinting dully in the moonbeams. He had taken off his neckerchief and spread it beside his face on the rubber coat on which he lay. From beneath it peeped the butt of his No. 45 revolver. He, like myself, was awake and listening.

"It is the stage," he said.

I raised

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COMING EVENTS.

Aug. 3-21.—Chautauqua Assembly, Fryeburg.
Aug. 7-13.—Muster of Maine National Guard.
Aug. 10.—Oxford Pomona Grange, South Waterford.
Augusta.
Aug. 11.—Reunion 16th Maine Regiment Association, Rumford Falls.
Aug. 11, 12.—Reunion Fifteenth Maine Regimental Association, Fort Fairfield.
Aug. 16-21.—New England fair, Rigby Park.
Aug. 18.—Reunion Twenty-third Maine Regiment, Peak's Island.
Aug. 24-26.—State C. E. convention, Biddeford.
Aug. 30.—Oxford County Medical Association, Bryant's Pond.
Aug. 30-Sept. 3.—Maine State Fair, Lewiston.
Sept. 8.—I. O. G. T., District Lodge, Canton.
Sept. 8, 9.—Oxford Baptist Association, South Paris.
Sept. 14-16.—Oxford County Fair, Norway and South Paris.
Sept. 22, 23.—Oxford North Fair, Andover.
Sept. 28-30.—West Oxford Fair, Fryeburg.
Sept. 28-30.—Androscoggin Valley Fair, Canton.

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MAINE CHAUTAUQUA UNION.

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AT MARTHA'S GROVE.

The 1897 session of the Maine Chautauqua Union Assembly began according to the official program on Tuesday evening, Aug. 3, at 7:30, by a social reunion in the auditorium, at which the prospective teachers were introduced, and gave a few words of greeting. The occasion was enlivened by musical selections by Miss Eva A. Goodwin, violinist, accompanied by Mr. Pearson, who is to conduct the music of the assembly.

Great credit is due Rev. Ernest Hamlin Abbott, Congregational pastor at Fryeburg, for his energy in averting the misfortune, if not disgrace, of allowing this year to pass without an assembly, as was at first decided by the executive committee. The delay which this adverse action occasioned will account for any failures or want of success which may be the consequence, as the programs were delayed until many had made other arrangements for the season.

The classes were all organized as arranged, with Rev. Mr. Thayer of Warren in charge of the Sunday School work; Dr. Cummings of Boston teacher of physical culture; Miss Helen Goodwin of the Chandler School in Boston shorthand; Mr. Strout from Notman's studio, Boston, photography; and Mr. George Haley, a graduate of the Maine University, teacher of botany. The classes occupy the forenoon.

The woman's hour of Wednesday afternoon was in charge of the Woman's Club of Fryeburg, Mrs. G. S. Barrows, president. The evening was devoted to Miss Mary McCobb's representation of Mrs. Jarley's wax works—an entertainment that has won great praise for her wonderful talent in many towns in Maine and other states. The woman's hour of Thursday afternoon was conducted by Mrs. E. S. Osgood of Portland, representing the Stirling Club of West Fryeburg, of which she is an honorary member, and was devoted to parliamentary laws, followed by a short drill.

At 4 o'clock, Prof. D. G. Lyon of Harvard College lectured on Assyrian Monuments and the Old Testament, and continued the subject in the evening in a lecture illustrated by the stereopticon, which was intensely interesting, presenting views of the excavations in Assyria and some of the treasures found there.

On Friday afternoon Francis Murphy, the renowned lecturer on temperance, held a large audience spellbound by his eloquent and pathetic descriptions of scenes and incidents of his own experience.

He was followed by Miss McCobb in selected readings from modern poets, and she is to appear in the evening, reading Midsummer Night's Dream.

One new feature has been introduced by Mrs. Lyman Abbott, mother of Rev. E. H. Abbott—a 5 o'clock tea in the parlor of the boarding house, designed to promote sociability and acquaintance among the visitors and others.

Among those already on the ground are Mrs. Oren Hooper and daughter and Miss Libby of Portland; Mrs. Page and daughter of Skowhegan. Mrs. Lord and family are occupying a cottage on the ground. Miss Chapman and Mrs. Tenney are installed in the Bungalow. Mr. Waterhouse's family are also at home in their cottage, and other proprietors are opening for the season.

FIFTEENTH MAINE.

The Fifteenth Maine Regimental Association this year is to be held in connection with the annual muster of the Northern Aroostook G. A. R. Association at Fort Fairfield, Aug. 11 and 12. The Fifteenth has a goodly number of members in Aroostook, Penobscot and Washington, and the combination is likely to call out an unusually large attendance. The annual encampment of the G. A. R. battalion is a great occasion with northern Aroostook, attracting large crowds and wide-spread interest. Maj. Gen. J. L. Chamberlain of "Little Round Top" fame, is among the speakers on the program.

The railroads offer very liberal rates. From Portland to Fort Fairfield and return, $7.50; other stations same price proportionately. Dover and Foxcroft, Bangor, Oldtown, etc., $3.50 the round trip. Tickets good 9th and 11th, with limit to the 23d.

POLAND CAMPMEETING.

The annual session of the campmeeting will begin Thursday evening, Aug. 12th. The 13th will be Temperance Day, at which time the position of the Methodist church upon the saloon question will be ventilated by some of the best speakers in the state.

Tuesday, the 13th, will be Epworth League Day, when a large gathering of young Methodists is expected at the grove.

The Grand Trunk Railway will give half fare from Portland to Gorham, N. H., until Aug. 26th, to all attending the campmeeting at Empire Grove.

A unique legacy was been left to a young Bangor physician by his father, who was a medical practitioner. It is a set of records that fill two large and closely-written volumes, and consist in detailed accounts by Dr. Sanger, deceased, of all the cases treated by him since 1860, with diagnosis and prescription in each case. The records cover thousands of cases, of all kinds, and the names of the patients are arranged alphabetically in each year. It is surprising the value which often accrues to records of what at the time seem unimportant events.

Hon. Nelson Dingley, father of Congressman Dingley, died Tuesday morning at the age of 87 years. Mr. Dingley was an ardent Republican, a member of the Congregational church, and had been a careful and successful business man.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

PARIS HILL.

First Baptist Church, Rev. H. A. Roberts, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 P. M.

Universalist Church: Rev. E. W. Pierce, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Meeting of Young People's Christian Union, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Leslie E. Newell and family will take a few days' vacation this week in Sumner, and the blacksmith shop will be closed while they are away.

Two sportsmen of this vicinity made a fishing trip the other day. When they had got back to the place where they left the team, Smith said to Jones, "You stay by the horse a minute. There's a hole down just below here that I want to drop my hook into. I won't be gone but a minute." So Smith went down to the brook, and Jones waited. It seemed to take Smith a good while to drop his hook, but Jones stayed by the horse. He lighted his pipe, but that didn't seem to hurry Smith a bit. The afternoon began to wear away, and finally Smith came back. He had dropped his hook into that hole, and incidentally into a number of other holes along the brook, with such success that he had added twenty-seven trout to the number in his basket. And now Jones says that when there's another job of staying by the horse for a minute to be done, Smith is the man who will do it.

Visiting Mr. C. L. Carter's family are Mr. Theodore R. Carter of Montclair, N. J., with his two daughters, Mrs. G. M. Duncan and Miss Alice Carter; also Mrs. Albert Tracy of New York.

Mrs. Abagail R. Prentiss and Mrs. G. F. Godfrey of Bangor are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. E. L. Parris and Master "Bunt" are spending a week at Gloucester, Mass.

Mrs. Hallett and children, Ralph and Marion, of Boston, are with Mr. Hubbard's family for several weeks' stay.

Mr. Warren White of Newton Centre, Mass., was with Mrs. White at the Hubbard House over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kimball and son Henry of Boston are visiting Mrs. Kimball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hammond.

There will be an entertainment and promenade at the hall Friday evening of this week, for the benefit of the Universalist Sunday School. Ice cream will be served. Further particulars on handbills later.

The Hubbard House is full and overflowing. The register shows the following arrivals for the week:

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Little, Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Henriques, Portland.
E. E. Burlingame, Walter Burlingame, Mrs. E. E. Burlingame, Miss Bessie Burlingame, Denver, Col.
A. S. True and wife, Boston.
O. D. Stinchfield, Auburn.
Warren White, Newton Centre, Mass.
Theodate L. Smith, Washington, D. C.

Mr. G. L. Hammond of New York made a short visit to his parents, Hon. and Mrs. George F. Hammond, last week.

Miss Gertrude Harlow has returned from Boston again.

Mr. A. B. Greene is in town.

V. K. Parris reports seeing a doe and two fawns in the Parris pasture, near the "old utility" road, Sunday afternoon.

Monday evening, Aug. 9, a lawn party will be held on the parsonage grounds. Music will be furnished by the Paris Hill band. Ice cream and cake will be served during the evening for the small sum of 10 cents. Money to be used for church work. The public are most cordially invited.

On Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Woman's Missionary Society will meet in the vestry. Come.

Don't fail to see Edison's famous moving life pictures at South Paris and Norway this week. See full notice in this paper.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

The Sunday school lawn party was in every respect a success. The weather being fine a good number attended. Rev. H. A. Roberts and wife were present. $4.20 was realized which will go to benefit the Sunday School library.

Mr. W. E. Cole from Berlin Falls, and Miss Lottie Merrill are visiting W. H Cole.

The weather is fine and the farmers are very busy—some finishing up haying.

Frank Briggs is digging a cellar for a new house.

Stephen Winslow is at W. W. Maxim's taking a scientist's treatment, Mr. Maxim is also treating Seth Siebleling with good result, thinks he will have him on his feet before cold weather.

LOVELL

Dr. E. C. Andrews and family have returned.

C. H. Brown and family, with some friends, are at their cottage at Upper Keszar Pond for a week or two.

The Congregational circle was entertained by Mrs. S. G. Manson. A large number were in attendance, coming in hayrack loads from Fairview and the Centre.

Rev. E. B. Wood was at Bangor last week.

Daniel McAllister has contracted to carry the mail from Lovell to North Lovell for the next four years, and has begun his work.

S. H. Harriman, wife and daughter, are visiting in town, and with Salmon McKeen and wife were at Norway the first of the week.

The fishing about here, both in the pond and trout brooks, is excellent this year.

SOUTH HIRAM.

Charlie Smith came home Sunday from Augusta, where he has been at work.

Jacob Stanley has sold the Kezar Falls and Portland express team to Allen Garner.

Mrs. Hannah Chadbourne, who has been at work at Geo. Milliken's for the past few months, left Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Leavitt of Chatham, N. H., is stopping at David Stearns' for a few weeks.

Melvin Smith is at work for E. R. Chellis.

Mrs. Ruth Gould, who has been visiting relatives in Fryeburg and Stow, returned home last week.

E. F. Stanley is about to build a stand on his lot on Main Street. He is now putting in the foundation.

Dentist Smith of Newfield was in town Tuesday.

Master Loring Sawyer of Boston is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sawyer of this place.

The South Hirams played the Kezar Falls a return game of ball on Newton's grounds. Score 11 to 3 in favor of the Kezar Falls.

CANTON POINT.

Dr. Harry A. Nickerson and wife of Portland, Me., are spending their annual vacation with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Waite at the Point.

Where is the hay weather? We haven't seen much and farmers are getting anxious as some grass is getting ripe.

Mrs. S. D. Webber of New York and Mrs. A. F. Blake of Upper Gloucester are visiting at Mrs. I. L. Harmon's.

C. M. Holland, Esq., leaves us a sample of the Early Northern potatoes which were very nice. We are in hopes to sample them later on again.

Ellsworth McAllister cut him very badly Saturday morning, while trimming out and cutting some old fencing near the buildings. The wound was dressed by Dr. A. L. Stanwood. Mr. McAllister is doing well at this writing.

As we were traveling through one of the main streets one day last week we saw two ladies running a mowing machine. Such help as that is cheap at $2 per day.

Miss Delia Ridlon was the guest of Miss Lena M. Packard Monday. Miss Ridlon is in the post office at Ridlonville, Me.

Rev. E. W. Webber will preach at Union Hall, Aug. 15, at 10:30 A. M.

Mrs. C. M. Holland is on the sick list.

Dr. Wall and family are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. L. Buck. Mr. Wall is a dentist in Boston, Mass.

Master Harry A. Packard is often seen riding the wheel.

Mrs. Hattie Childs of Auburn has been visiting Mrs. F. E. Raines and others.

BETHEL.

Monday Judge Woodbury and Mrs. Chandler went to Sweden, returning Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon Miss Isabel Shirley of Brooklyn, N. Y., addressed the Ladies' Club in Bethel upon Parliamentary Rules. Miss Shirley presented Mrs. Chapman, president of the W. C. T. U., with a gavel, which was decorated with a white ribbon. Miss Shirley will conduct a parliamentary drill at the next meeting of the W. C. T. U. Aug. 17. Miss Shirley's address was very interesting and instructive.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Club met with Miss True at the Delinda. Whittier was the poet considered. The ladies will hold their annual fair at Garland Chapel Thursday afternoon, Aug. 12. During the afternoon fancy articles, aprons, and other useful articles, ice cream and cake and home-made candies will be for sale. The ladies will serve supper, and at the evening entertainment a program will be presented by Mrs. William Rogers Chapman, reader; Mr. Bennett Carltz Snyder, soloist; Prof. William Rogers Chapman and Miss Lillian True, pianists.

Friends of Mr. Daniel Grover have received news of his death in California. Mr. Grover was a resident of Bethel until a few years ago, when failing health caused him to seek a milder climate. Mr. Grover's sons are graduates of the University of Maine, and one has held a professorship there for some time. Mr. Grover's family will receive the sympathy of a host of Maine friends.

Mrs. Thomas Hutchins, nee Hattie Harris, is visiting her parents here.

Mr. A. M. Edwards and family of Boston are visiting Mr. Edwards' father, Col. Edwards. Mr. Edwards is general agent for the Sheldon Publishing Co.

Mr. John Preston True and wife of Boston have been visiting friends in Bethel. Mr. True has been in the employ of Houghton & Mifflin for many years.

The Bethel chorus of the Maine festival will unite with the Norway and South Paris chorus in giving a concert Tuesday evening.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Everett Bicknell, wife and daughter, of Norway, are guests at his father's, J. F. Bicknell's.

Quite a delegation from our place to the grove meeting at Canton the 1st.

Mrs. Fred Atwood and daughter of Rumford Falls were at her father's Aug 1st.

Fred Bennett's wife and sister Lena were in our place the 4th, calling on friends.

Alfred Cole's daughter, Mollie, is a guest at J. F. Bicknell's this week.

Fred Taylor and wife have been at her father's, H. B. Hersey's, on a short visit. They have returned to their home at Westboro (Mass.) insane hospital, where Fred is steward.

Mrs. Clinton Bates of West Sumner is at Fred Heald's for a few days.

Charles Field and wife of West Sumner and Fred Keene and wife of Dixfield were guests at A. W. Spaulding's one day last week.

SUMNER.

Mrs. Lydia J. Wiley and daughter Edith from Cambridge, Mass., are visiting at E. P. Sturtevant's.

Mrs. L. O. Brackett and two daughters have returned to their home in Auburn.

Rev. George Varney, wife and two children, of New York, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Lydia Varney.

Nettie Morrill is in very poor health.

Myra and Lulu Starbird of Livermore have been visiting in this place.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLucas, who have been staying for some time at Nantasket beach, returned home this week.

Mrs. J. F. Mansfield of Providence, R. I., is visiting relatives in this place.

Mrs. Sadie Strout of Chelsea, Mass., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bickford, last week.

Mr. Jesse N. Goldthwaite and Dr. Olin C. Ellis of Haverhill, Mass., are visiting Mrs. G. M. Sanborn.

Miss Ida Fessenden is visiting friends in Danbury, N. H.

Mrs. A. R. Hill has gone to South Paris to visit her sisters, Mrs. A. W. Walker and Mrs. Charles Bennett.

Miss Susie Cotton, who left this town and went west twelve years ago, was married July 27th at the Dousman House, Prairie du Chien, Wis., to Mr. George Butler of Mason City. Mr. and Mrs. Butler went to Chicago on their wedding tour, and on their return home will reside at Mason City, Iowa.

WEST PERU.

A. J. Wheeler delivered a free lecture last Thursday night, and another one Friday night at which he asked admission.

Glendale Lodge, No. 332, installed its officers last Wednesday night.

Wilson Oldham's horse ran away last Tuesday, but did no damage, except breaking two shafts.

OXFORD.

Rev. Mr. Varley announces in reponse to the call given him to remain another year, that he wishes to further pursue his studies. He will leave in September.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor gave an entertainment at Robinson Hall on Wednesday evening, consisting of music, recitations, etc., with ice cream and cake for sale. $20 were cleared for the benefit of the chapel.

Mr. Arthur Bumpus and wife and Mrs. Jones are here for a short time.

Mrs. Wardwell is visiting her children.

A union meeting was held by the Senior and Junior Endeavor Societies Sunday evening.

WILSON'S MILLS.

A crew in charge of Jack Lary, and teams, with wire and necessary implements and furnishings, are putting a telephone line up Abbott Brook, then across to Camp-In-The-Meadows, and from there by Lincoln Pond to Kennebago. The line starts here from Flint's hotel, and is the work of the Berlin Mills Co.

Horace Frost was in town recently.

Rev. S. S. York made calls in town Thursday and assisted at the evening service. All were much pleased to see his kind face again.

Mrs. Peter Littlehale and children are at her father's, J. C. Bean's.

Mrs. Tina Bean and children are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Clark.

J. W. Gilbert has a gramophone and nearly a hundred selections for it, ranking from grave to gay, which are quite interesting to hear.

HEBRON.

Mr. Harry and Miss Edith Litchfield of Somerville, Mass., have been visiting at H. A. Cushman's.

Miss Maidie Moody is spending a week at West Sumner.

Dr. and Mrs. Crane are at Squirrel Island. Mrs. Brainard is also away.

Mrs. W. A. Bartlett got home from Boston Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Turner, who was quite sick last week, is now much better.

Rev. S. D. Richardson had sweet corn from his garden Aug. 5th, the earliest we have heard from.

A few happy farmers are through haying, but many are still hard at it.

Don't fail to see Edison's famous moving life pictures at South Paris and Norway this week. See full notice in this paper.

BYRON.

Ed Knapp lost a valuable colt by breaking his leg the 5th.

J. J. Taylor from Island Pond, Vt., is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. S. Young.

Mr. A. S. Young went with his daughter Aug. 12 to East Dixfield, on her way home to Livermore.

John E. Shaw has Jarvis Hodsdon and Parker Bradeen at work for him at haying.

Mr. James Irish of Hartford was in town the 4th.

Grass is extra good.

Clarence Young is helping his father cut his hay.

Mr. L. C. Howard and Mr. Akley of Mexico and Sidney Russell of Rumford are at work for S. Taylor on his barn. They have it nearly ready to shingle.

Potatoes are looking well, with a prospect of a good crop.

Ed Knapp, with a crew, is cutting the hay on the Whitney place.

Mr. Merrill, the section boss, has moved into the Alden house.

The good hay weather is appreciated.

WEST PARIS.

C. M. Bisbee, M. D., of Rumford Falls, was called to see Nathaniel Young last week. Mr. Young does not seem to improve in health.

Hill, the barber, and Bacon, the shoemaker, have had to vacate their quarters at short notice, as the building has been sold and will be removed to a new spot and fixed up for a rent. Mr. Hill goes into the grange building, and Mr. Bacon will have an office in S. W. Dunham's hall on Main Street, where he will nail on taps as strong as ever.

Mr. Hannaford is putting in the foundation for a new house. He has dug and driven a well, and has found very fine water.

Miss Sybil Abbott of Atlanta, Ga., and Curtis Abbott of Bethel visited at A. J. Abbott's and other friends in the place recently.

C. H. Churchill and wife have gone to Poland.

The E. S. Hammond farm has been sold to A. E. Thoms. He is now cutting the grass, and if he can only see a few hours of sun may have some hay.

FRYEBURG.

Mr. Will Bradley has returned from a trip to Atlantic City.

Dr. Gordon has begun his vacation and is at his mansion, and has for guests, Mrs. Marshall Gordon and son and daughter of Boston.

Mrs. Devine and daughter Ethel of Dover, N. H., are at Mrs. Randall's.

Mrs. C. F. Lord of Windham is at her mother's, Mrs. Warriner's. News has been received that Edson Warriner, who was expected home from Seattle, Wn., where he has been for several years, is going to Alaska.

Mr. Jenness, Mrs. Allard and Abby Smith have gone to Waterville, Nova Scotia, to visit Mrs. Lusanna Turner.

Mr. Lucius Clarke and family of Portland are at Miss A. N. Page's.

Mrs. Lyman Abbott and daughter Beatrice are visiting Rev. E. H. Abbott.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Chase of Boston are at Mrs. Pike's.

Clayton W. Pike of Philadelphia is making his summer visit at home.

Miss Helen Goodwin of Boston is stopping at Mr. Barrows'.

A very pleasant and successful lawn party was given on the grounds of the New Church Hall by the Swedenborgian Society on Tuesday evening.

NORTH SUMNER.

Miss Hattie Jordan is at home for a few days.

O. D. Warren is hauling spool wood to East Sumner and is boarding at L. C. Buck's.

Mrs. Annie Andrews is on the sick list.

George Redding, John Redding and O. D. Warren have got a new boat for Shag Pond.

G. C. Buck has bought him a colt.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Miss Mabel Hackett, who has been working for C. K. Cary through the strawberry season, visited her sister in Andover last week, and will return to her home in Livermore soon.

George Elliott is cutting the hay on his farm at the Centre. George Bosseno is working for him.

Miss Tennie Jones is visiting her father and friends in Massachusetts.

Major Allen is away visiting relatives.

EAST SUMNER.

Plenty of haying yet to do, but little hay weather.

Rev. James Norcross of Marblehead, Mass., is visiting friends in the place.

Rev. A. G. Murray has been granted a vacation of four weeks. His wife, who is very feeble, is to take a course of treatment at the Maine General Hospital, we hear.

Rev. P. E. Miller is expected to again occupy his pulpit next Sabbath.

Now is the time to talk up state fair and lay plans to attend. Don't miss it. It comes only once a year and it pays to take it in.

NEWRY.

But very few have finished haying yet. So much wet weather makes haying a rather precarious occupation.

Mrs. Geo. Spinney has returned from Massachusetts.

Summer visitors are circulating quite freely nowadays.

A sum amounting to over $100 was contributed to replace the horses Al Brooks lost by lightning.

Oats are beginning to ripen.

Farmers whose lowlands are under water complain bitterly of the increased labor of cutting the grass. Many places are still so wet that it is difficult to make the hay on the ground.

PERU.

A. B. Walker has city boarders from Brookline, Mass.

The raspberries are very thick on Long Mountain where Mr. Packard has been cutting wood.

There were quite a number that attended the grove meeting at Canton from this place.

We have been having such poor hay weather that the farmers are making rather poor progress with haying.

EAST PERU.

Born on the 28th of July, to the wife of Horace Clark, a son. We wish him much joy with him.

WEST FRYEBURG.

The S. L. C. held a very interesting as well as instructive meeting in Mr. James Hardy's grove on Tuesday, Aug. 3. Mrs. E. S. Osgood was with them giving a talk on the "Mothers' Congress" that was held in Washington. Every one who has heard Mrs. Osgood knows what a treat it is to hear her. The Evangeline Club of Stow was invited, thirteen of them being present. After the speech, refreshments were served, after which a few speeches were listened to from the Evangeline Club, also one very worthy of mention by Mrs. Susan Ballard, who is an honorary member of the S. L. C. and is 80 years old. A letter was also read from Mrs. Sue Gordon, who was ill and could not be present. Mrs. Gordon was missed by all as she is an honor to any club and we have never recovered from the loss since she moved to the village.

Howard J. Elmore and family of Waltham, Mass., have been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Towle.

Gertie Gould of Hiram, a former resident of this town, is the guest of Minnie Farrington.

The young people enjoyed a social dance at Wiswell's last Friday evening.

GREENWOOD.

Although the present season, thus far, is claimed to be the most noted for lowery weather and rainfall of modern times, it does not begin to compare with some of the rainy seasons of the past. Looking into the cyclopedia we find under the article rain, that it was continuous in Scotland for five months in the year 553 and continues to give noted storms at intervals down to the year 1828, during which time many thousands of persons and animals perished. Then let us continue to trust—and keep our powder dry if possible.

If all the hay that was got in last Tuesday was in one stack it would be a big one.

J. W. Cummings is now at his old home for a few days. He lives in Auburn, has been sick with the grippe, and is still in feeble health.

Rev. Mr. Hargrove preached at the Center last Sunday afternoon and will now occupy the pulpit there every alternate Sabbath until further notice.

A new organ has been put into the church at the City and last Saturday evening a concert was held there for the purpose of paying for it in part. Report says it is a fine sounding instrument.

Will Swan is at work haying for Orville Ames.

Mrs. Rossie Martin is now with her aunt, Mrs. Adoniram Swan, where she will remain for the present.

Last Wednesday Mr. I. W. Swan was called upon to assist Ruth Cummings, who was suddenly taken violently ill.

RUMFORD.

Master Phil Sherman from Lynn is visiting his uncle, S. L. Moody.

Grace Elliott is at home from Middleboro, Mass.

Rev. Mr. Hoyt preached at the Universalist church last Sunday.

Mary Delano has gone home for a few days' vacation.

Because of the rains haying is progressing very slowly. Lots of hay has spoiled.

Blueberries are said to be fairly plenty on Whitecap.

WEST BETHEL.

Daniel B. Grover, formerly of this place, died at his home in southern California, on the morning of the fourth day of August. He had been in poor health for a long time but was reported better at last account so his death seemed sudden at last. He is to be brought east for burial. His son Nathan is in Bethel now on his vacation and made us a very pleasant call the day before he heard of his father's death.

Mrs. W. A. Farwell and daughter Grace, visited Minnie and Flora Wheeler this week.

S. W. Potter and Miss Bacon passed through the place one day this week on their way to Bethel Hill.

Ira Lowell, so long a cripple, was in the field yesterday, hoeing. His general health is improving. He has the sympathy of all.

ROXBURY.

Mrs. Aldrich died at the hospital July 29 and was brought here and buried the 30th. Services were held by Rev. D. A. Gammon. Beautiful flowers were placed upon the casket by kind hands. Swain & Reed shut down their big mill and with their help attended the services, and nearly the whole audience followed the remains to the grave. It must be a comfort to Mr. Aldrich in his great affliction that the people have so kindly remembered him in a substantial manner and without stint.

Miss Mamie Kimball of Hopkinton, N. H., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Locke.

A good deal of poor hay weather makes haying drag slowly.

Frank Stanley has moved the post office into his new store.

GRAFTON.

Mr. T. C. Cushman, from West Paris, is visiting at Rufus Farrar's.

Florence Farrar is at home on her vacation from Randolph, N. H., where she has been teaching.

Bertha Cross is visiting at Mrs. Brown's.

The farmers of this town have not done very much at haying yet, the weather has been so unfavorable.

The minister from Upton, I understand, is to preach here Thursday nights.

BROWNFIELD.

Anything in the mosquito line can be furnished in this town—all sizes, a great many of them will weigh a pound.

Mrs. Eliza Poor is dangerously sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Godfrey of Portland are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Sewell Hobson is visiting her mother, Mrs. Alfred Eaton.

The Pequawket House is filled with guests.

Plenty of work at Staples' coat shop.

EAST HEBRON.

A large amount of hay has been harvested the past week; some in an injured condition. A very few fortunate ones have finished haying, while many have a steady job for a long time ahead.

Berries have blighted and are very scarce.

Mrs. Henry Spinney from Lynn, Mass., is the guest of H. A. Record. She intends to remain through September.

Alice Davis from Lynn, Mass., is visiting her uncle, Herbert A. Record, through vacation.

James Nickerson from South Paris, is haying for Frank Packard.

Mrs. Fred Packard and children returned from her former home in New Brunswick last week after an absence of six weeks.

Those two young men hired by the Allen Bros., worked their time out and left as they came, no one wiser in regard to their history.

Our churches are not crowded on pleasant Sabbaths. The people enjoy the excursions on the line and on Lake Auburn much better apparently.

Several young men in their stylish bicycle suits passed through the place recently and one lady remarked that their suits made them look like escaped culprits from state prison.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Mrs. S. D. Bean of Harvard, Mass., accompanied by Maude Hewins, is visiting Miss Amy Bean.

Miss Helen Bennett has returned to her home at Woodsville, N. H.

Mrs. Flora Dow Verrill has gone to Whitefield, N. H., to visit her parents.

Miss Sarah Houghton of Bolton, Mass., a trained nurse by profession, is spending her vacation with Miss Amy Bean.

Gilman Blake of South Bethel was up this way recently.

Blueberry pickers that go to the mountains return with empty dishes this year.

We are glad to see that "John" still lives.

NORTH PARIS.

Wallace Andrews and his son Bradford are at his father's, America Andrews'.

A. D. Andrews found "Old Joe," one of his horses, with a broken leg in the pasture and killed and buried him.

C. H. Churchill has sold his half of the farm to his father and moved away. He has sold his horses to F. E. Gowell.

Mrs. Delia Andrews and Mrs. Nellie Rines are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zephaniah Starbird, on account of Mrs. Starbird's being very sick.

Mrs. Emma Berry has been helping her mother, Mrs. Churchill, for a few days.

Every one wishes to see some good weather.

HIRAM.

Mr. Living Cotton died of catarrhal pneumonia July 7, aged 90 years, 10 months, 13 days. He was our oldest citizen. He was a son of William and Hannah Howard Cotton, who settled in Hiram in 1801. Until a week prior to his death he was in good health. He was a worthy and respected man of sterling Christian character, and for many years was a local preacher in the Baptist church. His life, that of a delligent farmer, was peaceful, quiet, and happy. He remarked to the writer some years since, that his wife with whom he lived 57 years, never failed to meet him with a smile or a kind word. He leaves three sons.

July 15th, Mrs. Adeline, wife of Mr. Joseph Cram, died in East Hiram. Aged 73 years, 5 months, 15 days. She was an estimable lady and will be lamented by her many friends.

Miss Jennie Young, who has been absent from town some months, has returned to Hiram.

The mosquito plague is subsiding.

On July 30th, Messrs. C. Aubrey Vaughn of Montreal and Fred Hitchings of Dedham, Mass., and Herman Fick and A. Roy MacKenzie of Boston, boarders at Eli C. Wadsworth's, went on a fishing excursion to a neighboring pond and caught 162 fishes averaging half a pound each, breaking the record for the season.

On Friday, Aug. 6th, a violent thunder shower accompanied by hail, sprung a surprise on the hay makers of Hiram.

The young folks of Bridgton had their annual picnic at Small's grove, East Hiram, on Thursday.

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. A. M. Bean and Mr. Fred Cole of Washington, are spending a vacation with their families in this place.

Mrs. Geo. F. Rich and little son Robbie, of Berlin, N. H., are visiting relatives here.

Z. C. Estes of Waltham, Mass., was in the place last week.

Mrs. Jennie Jones of Auburn visited at Porter Farwell's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bean and son Chester are stopping at C. C. Bean's, helping make hay.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Twitchell are now on their farm in this place.

Mr. Winfield Blake of Aroostook County is at home on a short vacation.

Charlie Young is at home from Massachusetts on a short vacation.

WEST BUCKFIELD.

Dr. Morse, wife and daughter, of Haverhill, Mass., were at Mont Bennett's last week; also his mother, Mrs. Jennie Bennett, and son George, his grandmother, Mrs. L. J. Morse, and Aunt Sarah, from South Paris.

Mrs. Mary Newton of Andover is visiting her father, Lysander Lowe.

Gertie Bonney spent last week at East Buckfield.

Mrs. Rosetta Warren and two children are at Harry Buck's.

Mr. Well from Lubec is at work for Romanzo Lowe.

H. H. Buck, Dan Emery and Shirley Bonney are cutting the grass on Mary Farrar's farm.

BUCKFIELD.

Geo. W. Haskell of Newburyport, Mass., is spending a pleasant vacation in town.

Miss Ida Marston of Auburn is visiting friends in town.

Stanley Bisbee, Esq., and wife, of Rumford Falls, were the guests of Mrs. C. C. Spaulding over Sunday, Aug. 1st.

Mrs. H. D. Waldron is visiting her brother, Daniel Fletcher, in Peru.

I. W. Shaw and family have gone to Trefethen's Landing, Peak's Island, for a two weeks' outing.

Rev. Sumner Bangs and wife are sojourning at Squirrel Island for a few weeks.

Mrs. Willis E. Pike of Rumford Falls visited Buckfield friends on her return from Falmouth Foreside.

Hon. O. H. Hersey, Miss Carrie and Gussie are visiting Boston this week.

Harold Hall of New York, one of the staff of New York Truth, is at Dr. O. R. Hall's.

Mrs. Morandie and her friend, Mrs. Pierce, of Malden, Mass., guests at Hotel Long, visited friends at Harrison this this week.

Robinson Dean returned Friday from a visit to his wife and daughters in Los Angeles, Cal.

This has been the only good week for haying so far this season.

Laurin A. Bumpus and wife of Dorchester, Mass., were in town a few days this week.

The season has not been a successful one for the blueberry crop on Streaked Mountain.

Mrs. Marston and her frend, Mrs. Jones, of Auburn, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Irish.

Hotel Long has had applications for summer guests more than they could accommodate. "The woods are full" of them.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. W. S. Partridge visited her mother, Mrs. B. G. Barrows, at Norway village last week.

Walter Pride went to Lynn, Mass., last week with a horse belonging to Mr. Caswell. He returned home Monday.

We hear they are to commence on the electric road Saturday.

Mr. Shattuck, who was so sick last week, is slowly regaining his usual health.

OXFORD CENTRAL RAILROAD.

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, according to notice previously given, the railroad commissioners of Maine met at Norway to give a hearing on the proposed location of the Oxford Central Electric Railroad. From the hotel they adjourned to the office of Judge Seward S. Stearns, treasurer of the company. Several interested parties and attorneys for interested parties were present.

Since the description of the proposed location was published, the railroad officers and town authorities have agreed upon a different route between Norway village and Norway Lake. The new route lies along the lake shore instead of next the bank as first located. This appearing to be satisfactory, the commissioners gave permission to amend the description to agree with the change.

Merton L. Kimball, Esq., representing the Waterford Manufacturing Co., requested that a change might be made at South Waterford so that the road would not run through the company's grounds, which were already crowded. This was agreed to by the railroad people and the papers were ordered amended accordingly.

President Wilson then took the commissioners and party over the route behind a team of four horses. They went first to South Waterford, later to East Stoneham. After supper they drove to Bridgton, and did not return to Norway.

The papers being amended and put in shape by all-night work of the corps of engineers, were taken to Augusta Wednesday, and the location was formally approved by the commissioners.

Mr. Davis, of O'Brion & Davis, the grading contractors, is now on the ground, and three or four hundred Italian laborers are expected to arrive the first of the week, when the actual work of construction will begin in earnest.

Department Commander Carleton has issued general orders giving particulars of the arrangements for attending the national encampment, G. A. R., from Maine. The Headquarters car (Pullman sleeper) containing the department commander, officers and staff of the department and their friends, the Woman's Relief Corps and their friends, will leave Portland at 8:45 A. M., Aug. 21. The route is by way of the White Mountains and Niagara Falls, giving a stop of six or seven hours at Niagara. Fare from Portland, $13.15. Berths in sleeper, $3.00. Tickets good to return until Aug. 31.

The philosopher of the Portland Telegram remarks that if a certain man in that city knew half as much about himself as he us

SOUTH PARIS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after June 14, 1897, trains leave South Paris: Going down: 3:14, 8:35 A. M., 4:16 P. M.; going up: 10:13 A. M., 3:40, 10:11 P. M.

Sunday trains: Going down, 3:14 A. M.; going up, 10:7 A. M., 10:11 P. M.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 6:00 to 7:00 A. M; 8:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Mails close: For Portland, &c., 8:13, A. M., 3:30 P. M., for Gorham, &c., 10:13 A. M., 3:25 P. M.

Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, &c., 10:27 A. M., 3.50 P. M.; from Gorham, &c., 8:43 A. M., 4:16 P. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, R. J. Haughton, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; Christ the Endeavor meeting Sunday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. I. A. Bean, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service, 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church, Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

P. of H.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 36, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, second Saturday of each month. The Grange store is open for trade Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

T. of G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

I. O. G. T.—South Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets first and third Monday evenings of each month in G. A. R. Hall.

G. A. R.—W. S. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets Saturday on or before full moon, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. S. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 181, meets at G. A. R. Hall first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Masonic Hall.

O. U. A. M.—Norway and South Paris Council, No. 16, meets in G. A. R. Hall every Tuesday evening.

Miss Ivy Richardson of Milton is visiting her friend, Mrs. H. W. Dennison.

Ex-County Attorney E. C. Walker of Bridgton was in town last Wednesday.

The waiting rooms at the Grand Trunk station are being renovated with paint, kalsomine, etc.

George W. Cook's new house on Western Avenue is being painted green with white trimmings.

Mr. Harry W. Forbes of Canton, N. Y., came last week from Ocean Park on a visit to relatives here.

Miss Ella J. Libby and Master Lawrence Chapman of Brookline, Mass., are visiting at George R. Morton's.

Fifty or more went on the picnic of the Methodist Sunday school to Gibson's Wednesday, and had a very pleasant day.

Mr. William Deering of Chicago, the well-known manufacturer of harvesting machinery, and his wife and grandson, are visiting his father, Judge Deering.

A pebble gutter is being laid on each side of "mill hill" on Main Street—a place where there has always been considerable washing in a heavy rain. Frank L. Starbird laid the stones.

There will be no preaching services at the Baptist church for the next two Sundays. The social meetings and Sunday school will be held as usual. Preaching services will be resumed on Sunday, Aug. 29th.

S. P. Maxim is building over the ground floor of the old True store, opposite the grist mill, into a tenement. The piazza will be taken off the front, and a two-story bay window put on. An inside stairway will take the place of the old one on the outside. Otherwise there will be little change in the second floor.

Mr. E. R. Davis, who was in the employ of the Norway and Paris Street Railway from a time soon after it was opened until some few weeks since, has recently secured the position of superintendent of the Shelburne Falls and Colerain Street Railway in Massachusetts. This is a road about seven miles long, which keeps two cars in service all the time.

Mrs. F. L. Millett, teacher of the infant class in the Congregational Sunday School, gave seventeen members of her class a picnic at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Colby, about ½ mile east of Paris Hill, Wednesday. They took along a freezer and made ice cream. The little folks went up in a hay rack and came back in an express wagon, and had a very nice day of it.

There's no measuring the depth of human sympathy. A little South Paris girl was in trouble last week because her pet cat had left home and deserted a family of five young kittens. A neighbor's little boy offered comfort in the most sympathetic tones. Said he: "Don't cry. I'll tell you what I'll do: I've got an old tom cat over to my house and I'll bring him over and let him take care of the kittens!"

A new storehouse, or an addition to the old storehouse, is being built on the grounds of the Paris Manufacturing Co. The building is 50 x 50 feet, adjoining the old storehouse, and will be either two or three stories high. The company is much in need of additional storage facilities, having now in use for that purpose about all the buildings and parts of buildings in the place which are not occupied by something else.

The Market Square crossing, from Odd Fellows' Block to W. A. Porter's, has been relaid, the stones having been dressed smooth. The question of the proper height of the crossing brought out almost as many opinions as were expressed regarding the street railway track at the time that was raised. However, the seesaw act wasn't repeated on the crossing, but it is set at such a height that the water will drain away from it both ways.

A South Paris man who holds a position of public service has discovered that the sovereign people interest themselves very directly and personally in the manner in which their servants perform their duties, and, tired of the clash of differing opinions and ideas over and around his head, he exclaims: "Why can't they stop harassing a man, and let him work in peace a while?" And he isn't the first one who ever expressed that sentiment, by a good many thousand.

Following are the scores made by the South Paris Gun Club. Saturday, Aug. 7:—

NAME.	TOTAL.
F. A. Harlow	14
R. C. Chandler	13
Chas. Brett	12
Eli McArdle	12
Chas. Titcomb	11
F. Bonney	10
John Parsons	9
Fred Wright	8
H. H. Record	8
W. Stanley	7
Harry Morton	5
L. J. Swett	4
M. Maxim	4
Geo. Wilson	3
Frank Dobbs	2
E. Dobbs	2

Walk-up.—Brett, Chas., 4; Harlow, F. A., 4; Stanley, W., 4; Parsons, John, 4; Swett, L. P., 3; McArdle, Eli., 2; Morton, Harry, 2; Record, H. H., 2; Dobbs, F. L., 2; Wright, Fred, 1; Bonney, Fred, 1; Chandler, Rodney, 1.

Aug. 7th, 1897.

A game of ball which created considerable interest was played at the fair grounds Thursday afternoon by the merchants and clerks of Norway. Those on the south side of Main Street played against those on the north side. The two teams were made up as follows:

NORTH SIDE.	SOUTH SIDE.
Fred Stearns, c.	Harry Nevers, c.
Bob Bickford, p.	John French, p.
M. Walker, s. s.	Chas. Akers, 1 b.
Geo. Howe, 1 b.	Frank Kimball, 2 b.
Leon Russell, 2 b.	Merritt Welch, 3 b.
Eugene Bartlett, 3 b.	A. L. Cook, s. s.
W. C. Leavitt, r. f.	Haines, l. f.
Jim Hallett, c. f.	James Favor, c. f.
E. C. Wilson, l. f.	Currier, r. f.

There were a few ball players in the game, and a few have-beens, and some who couldn't play much anyway. The South Side ran in a big bunch of scores in the second and third innings, and got a big lead, winning the game 14 to 7. There were some brilliant plays, and some brillisntly stupid ones. The game was played for "the turkeys." It is understood that the "Electrics"—meaning all who are concerned in the manufacture, distribution and application of the "juice," are to challenge the winners to a game some time next week.

Coming Concert.

Next Tuesday evening, we hope to see the Congregational church at Norway thronged to its doors with the most brilliant audience ever gathered in Norway. The occasion is the Maine Festival

WM. R. CHAPMAN, Director-in-chief Maine Musical Festival.

Concert that has been for a long time in preparation by the Norway and South Paris Chorus. Assisted by Bethel Chorus.

The concert is one of a series held in the larger cities of the state preliminary to the October Festival, which is to be held in Bangor and Portland with choruses of 2,000 voices and soloists the most eminent in the United States.

The whole is the outgrowth of the magnetic brain of Wm. R. Chapman of New York, whose career from the time he left his boyhood home in Maine has been as successful as it has been romantic.

William Rogers Chapman lived until he was twelve years of age in Bethel. He then went to New York city and pursued a course of study at a collegiate school. His love for music was, however, so strong that he gave up his college course and devoted himself to the study of his chosen art and profession. After continuing his musical studies for several years under the best masters in New York, he went to Europe, intending to study there; but Sir George A. McFarren frankly told him that he could progress as rapidly and learn as much in America as abroad, so he returned and continued his studies under Dr. Cutler and Charles Fradel Cutler.

In 1877, Mr. Chapman was engaged as organist at the Church of the Covenant, and during his long term of service there, was able to secure many young singers who have since become popular soloists. His work as organist is satisfactory and praiseworthy, and as a choirmaster he has no equal. For ten years Mr. Chapman taught music in twelve of the New York public schools, instructing more than 50,000 children in sight reading, but this arduous work he has given up, as so many other duties now claim his attention and time. A number of Mr. Chapman's compositions have been published and they are deservedly popular.

Mr. Chapman is, however, best known to the general public as an organizer and conductor. This is his special forte and here he is pre-eminently successful. His Apollo club of sixty male voices and Rubenstein club of one hundred women's voices are well known in musical and social circles. These are unquestionably the finest clubs in the world, containing, as they do, nearly all the leading singers of New York. Mr. Chapman accomplished a marvelous feat when he succeeded in banding together such rare companies of high priced soloists and eminent singers, to sing under his baton without any pecuniary recompense whatever. To tell the truth, Mr. Chapman is to be congratulated upon the assistance of his talented and energetic wife, whose business capabilities and ceaseless activity have been an invaluable aid to him. Mrs. Chapman's appearance in the Norway concert is an indication of the interest she takes in the Maine Festival and is a special compliment to the Norway chorus.

Mr. Chapman's labors have been indefatigable, his energy and perseverance untiring. His genius and ability have won for him respect and admiration, and he has earned for himself a reputation which he holds, to-day, as the leading choral conductor of our country.

This chorus has been drilled with infinite pains by Rev. Marcus H. Carroll. Mr. Chapman will wield the baton on Tuesday night, and the effect will be brilliant; but it will not in the least detract from the laurels he will win should the audience bestow in their hearts a full meed of applause upon Mr. Carroll, whose skillful leadership during these recent months will be so apparent in the good work of the chorus.

Quite a good deal has been said in the paper about the Maine Festival. We have done this because of a desire to aid in promoting in Oxford county a love for the art of music, an art which, if rightly fostered, contributes to the elevation of the whole community. As a reader Mrs. W. R. Chapman ranks high, and Mrs. G. M. Barney of Rockland is one of Maine's best sopranos.

Mr. Chapman will be present, Monday evening, to conduct a rehearsal; also Tuesday p. m.

Mrs. S. S. Stowell of Dixfield is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Edwards.

Rev. C. S. Cummings of Augusta will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Ramsdell left Monday morning for a vacation of about three weeks, which they will spend at Harpswell.

Arthur Holman left Sunday for a bicycle trip of a few days, going first by way of Rumford Falls to Dixfield Centre, where he has relatives.

Charles Marston and Clark Mitchell have purchased house lots near the house of G. K. Ripley, over the Park Street bridge, and are making preparations to build.

It is announced that Hose Co. No. 4, which has heretofore had its apparatus quartered in Nichols' barn on High Street, is soon to have a hose house of its own.

The Independent Order of Foresters and the Knights of Pythias of Berlin, N. H., will have an excursion and picnic dinner at Electra Park on Thursday of next week, weather permitting.

Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Haughton returned Friday night from their vacation which they have spent at St. John, N. B. They were accompanied by Miss Elise MacLean of that place, who will remain with them for a time.

Harry Jordan, formerly of this place, now of Washington, D. C., with his friend W. Burke, Jr., of Washington, are making a vacation trip through New England. They are in town for a few days.

Some five or six hundred people attended the Universalist meeting at Electra Park Sunday afternoon. A fine sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Bolles. Music was furnished by a male quartette and a portion of the Norway and South Paris festival chorus.

Oscar Chandler, who has been at work on Birney Field's new house, says they got in some good smart work. Allie March, Wilson Ryerson, Claude Needham and himself built the staging, put on six rows and a quarter thousand of shingles and the saddle boards and took the staging down in seven hours.

The Irving French Company who have been making a decided "hit" at Electra Park for the past two weeks will make their final appearance there this week in two new plays, one on Wednesday and the other on Saturday evening. The Wednesday evening play will be "For His Sister's Honor." The play for Saturday evening will be announced later in the Electra Park Bulletin.

The Congregational Sunday School picnic will be held at Snow's Falls on Thursday next. It is the earnest desire of the pastor and officers that the members of the church and congregation join the Sunday School in this outing and therefore a cordial invitation is extended to all—and to any from other churches who would like to attend. There will be the usual sports and a pleasant outing is expected. Barges leave the square Thursday morning at 8:15.

Mr. Wm E. Cushman, who has been in feeble health for some time, died at his home on Pleasant Street Sunday morning. Mr. Cushman was one of the most highly respected citizens of the place. While quiet and undemonstrative, he was public spirited, and liberal with his means. He was a member of the M. E. church in South Paris, and this church and the one at Norway, as well as others in this vicinity, have special reason to hold him in grateful remembrance. Owing to illness in the family, the funeral will be private.

ELM HILL.

Effie Swan has recently visited relatives at Berlin.

Mrs. M. C. Weston and daughter, M's Anna Jordan, of Chicago, are guests of Mrs. T. J. Whitehead.

A. G. Dudley is at Locke Mills, putting in a dam for Mr. Tebbets. A. F. Hollis is working with him.

We are informed of the birth of a daughter, Aug. 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alba M. Gerry of Farmington, formerly of South Paris.

Chandler Swift has finished haying for H. L. Swift and gone to Woodstock with E. A. Dudley to help get the hay on Mr. Dudley's Woodstock farm.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

THE TOWN OF PARIS WILL BUILD TWO NEW SCHOOL HOUSES.

A special town meeting called on petition to consider the matter of new school houses, etc., was held at New Hall, South Paris, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Town Clerk Wheeler called the meeting to order, and read the warrant. About fifty voters were present. Four ballots were taken for moderator, there being four or more candidates, and H. E. Hammond was chosen on the fourth ballot.

Under the article to see whether the town would vote to build a new school house at South Paris, or build an addition to the brick school house, a motion was made that a new house be built. The selectmen were called upon for information, and introduced Mr. Lawrence, an architect of Berlin, N. H., who had looked over the brick school house that day. He estimated that a 40x40 addition to the school house could be built and necessary repairs made on the old building, for $4,000, the new wing costing from $3,300 to $3,500 of this amount, and the repairs the rest.

In regard to a new house, the selectmen reported that they should submit the same lot voted on at a previous meeting, and they had plans prepared by Mr. Burbank for a two-story, two-room school house, which was estimated to cost, complete, including lot and furnishings, about $2,500.

Considerable discussion followed. Some were in favor of building the addition to the brick house, asserting that it would become necessary in a few years anyway, while those favoring the new house thought the primary scholars should be separated from the others, and the playground should not be encroached upon, as would be done by an addition to the brick house. On the vote a considerable majority were in favor of the new house, and it was voted to build.

The lot submitted by the selectmen was accepted. This lot is situated on Main Street in South Paris village, between A. E. Shurtleff's house and Maxim's house occupied by Nelson G. Elder, and is 146 feet front and 126 feet deep. The price is understood to be $350.

The plan prepared by Mr. Burbank for a two-story house was accepted.

The article relative to a new school house in what was formerly the Forbes District brought out some discussion. Superintendent Fletcher, while announcing that he was not opposing a new house, called attention to the small size of the schools in both this and the adjoining (Partridge) district, and the poor condition of both houses. Both these schools have within the past few years more than once fallen below the limit of average attendance established by the new law. The friends of a new house were on hand in force, and presented their case ably, and it was voted to build. The lot accepted is at the corner below the old location, and is six rods north and south by three-and-a-half rods east and west. The plan accepted is estimated to cost $600 complete.

Voted to raise the sum of $3,000, to be assessed $1,000 per year for three years, the first assessment in 1898, and the treasurer is authorized to make temporary loans meanwhile.

It was voted to instruct the selectmen to proceed to the erection of the houses at once, and the meeting adjourned.

It is understood that the selectmen will be ready to advertise for proposals next week.

COMING TO SOUTH PARIS.

This week, Wednesday evening, Aug. 11th, a full entertainment of Edison's moving life pictures, the new invention shown in Boston so much of late. Actual life photographs of persons and life scenes moving just as if alive. A great invention and immensely entertaining. Several churches are selling tickets for it. Prices 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 c nts. Reserved seat plan opens at Shurtleff's drug store Wednesday at 9 A. M. To be held in New Hall, also at Norway on Thursday evening this week, in Opera House. Two different programmes.

Let those who are finding fault with the rainy summer season consult Williamson's History of Maine and they will see that for the months of June and July, 1763, there were not forty-eight hours of continuous fair weather in the two months. That was some time ago, to be sure, but it shows there have been bad seasons before.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday, at 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:45 A. M; Y. P. C. U. meeting, 7:00 P. M.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Silcoot, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:45 A. M.; Social Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening; Young People's Meeting Friday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. F. Grosvenor, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting, Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church, J. L. Harding, Pastor. Preaching service, 2:00 P. M; Sabbath School, 3:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting, Saturday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C., No. 36, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Monday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, on or after full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Wildey Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 56, meets on first and third Friday of each month.

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block, every Thursday Evening. U. R., A. O. Noyes Division, No. 12, meets third Friday of each month.

P. of H.—Norway Grange meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month at Grange Hall.

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 54, meets in New G. A. R. Hall on the third Friday Evening of each month.

W. R. C.—Meets in New G. A. R. Hall, Monday evening.

N. E. O. P.—Lakeside Lodge, No. 177, meets in New G. A. R. Hall, on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

Ned Truman, the eight year old son of Beverly Truman, broke his right wrist the first of the week while playing in C. B. Cummings & Sons' lumber yard.

Charles Hodgdon of Waterford was arraigned in the Norway Municipal Court Saturday morning, charged with an assault on one Eliza Field. After a prolonged hearing, Judge Davis discharged the respondent. Judge Stearns for Hodgdon.

Mrs. A. L. Cook and sister, Mildred Cross, are visiting in Portland and enjoying a few days at the Islands.

Mrs. A. B. Chase of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting her relatives and friends in town for a few weeks. Mrs. Chase was formerly in business in the Howe Block.

Mrs. Abbie J. Tubbs has commenced on his new tenement house on Danforth Street. The frame is up and boarded.

Mrs. Frank Hurd had a very critical surgical operation performed on her leg one day this week. Mrs. Hurd has been lame for several years as a result of an injury received a long time ago. She is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes are in Portland with his mother. Mr. Barnes has had a surgical operation performed on his foot and is fast recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith and daughter Edith, will go to Presque Isle the last of the month, where they will visit Mr. Smith's son, J. O. Smith, Esq., for a few weeks. J. O. Smith is a member of Oxford Bar and has for several years been in partnership with F. L. White.

Noyes & Andrews are repairing the Blue Store most thoroughly. Plate glass windows have been put in the front of the store.

Wm. H. Whitcomb repaired the smoke stack at the corn factory this week. It was blown down several days since in a severe gale. The corn pack for the season is not promising at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bennett are stopping at Old Orchard for a few weeks' outing.

Lester Faunce, of this place, while at Electra Park Tuesday evening, lost his bicycle. The matter was put into the hands of Deputy Sheriff Cross, the park's officer, and on Thursday he returned the wheel to its owner. No arrest has been made.

A preliminary concert of the Maine Festival will be given at the Congregational church in this village, on Tuesday evening, Aug. 10, by the Norway and South Paris chorus, assisted by the Bethel chorus. Mrs. W. R. Chapman will appear as reader and Mrs. G. M. Barney as soprano. The whole will be directed by Prof. W. R. Chapman in person.

Capt. W. W. Whitmarsh entertained Dr. F. C. Thayer and F. A. Smith of Waterville, last week. Sunday they visited the delightful cottages and places of interest about the lake and stopped at Bass Island, where a happy company consisting of Hon. A. S. Kimball, Judge S. S. Stearns, C. L. Hathaway, F. W. Sanborn, Wm. C. Leavitt, Wm. Cole and S. H. Walcott, were present. They had a most pleasant visit.

Dr. Geo. W. Hazelton, formerly of this place, has opened an office and is in practice of medicine at Manchester, N. H.

The new park on Main and Lynn Streets will hereafter be known as Shoe Factory Park.

Joseph B. Peaks of Dover, Frederic Danforth of Gardiner, and Benj. F. Chadbourne of Biddeford, the board of railroad commissioners, gave a hearing on the petition of Fred C. Wilson et als, of the Oxford Central Railroad Co., at the Beals House, for authority to build the electric road to Waterford and Stoneham, Tuesday. The road's attorney, Hon. Chas. L. Andrews, of Heath & Andrews of Augusta, was present. Several changes of no great importance were made at the suggestion of parties interested. After the hearing the commissioners and others went over the route. The petition was granted. Workmen will be on the ground Monday and work will be commenced with a very large crew the first of the week.

Dr. O. K. Yates of West Paris was in town the first of the week.

Geo. E. Walker is erecting a hen house in the rear of his buildings.

Rev. W. W. Hooper and daughter of Deering are on a visit at Frank Faunce's this week.

The August term of the Norway Municipal Court was held Tuesday. Ten new entries and one trial. The hearing was in the case of trover, Howe vs. Ryerson, for the recovery of an ox cart. Judgement for the defendant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ridlon are stopping at Callahan's cottage, on the west shore of the lake.

Dr. H. P. Jones is spending his vacation at Old Orchard, and his office will be closed until the 17th.

Colman F. Lord is stopping at Old Orchard with Geo. Andrews for a few days.

Lieut.-Col. E. F. Smith, Major and Surgeon B. F. Bradbury and Company D, 1st Regiment, N. G. S. M., under command of 1st Lieut. F. T. Bartlett, with 2d Lieut. Adkins, and about fifty men left for Augusta Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. They will be gone until Friday night, Aug. 13th. The company team under command of Capt. M. P. Stiles left for Augusta Friday morning in order to be on hand for rifle shooting on the state range, Saturday.

Mrs. F. E. Bell after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Crooker, returned to her home Wednesday.

The following officers of Pennesseewassee Lodge, K. of P., were installed Thursday evening, by D. D. G. Chancellor, J. A. Kenney, assisted by P. C., M. L. Kimball, as Grand-Master-at-Arms, viz.:

C. Com.—Bert J. Flint.
V. C.—J. Q. Millett.
Prelate—Al J. Rowe.
M. of Work—O. M. Cummings.
K. of R. and Seal—W. H. Ginn.
M. of F.—C. G. Mason.
M. of E.—Horace Cole.
M. at Arms—T. P. Richardson.
I. G.—S. F. Kimball.
O. G.—L. P. Swett.

At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Opera House Monday, the following officers were elected:

President—N. W. Millett.
Vice-President—C. E. Holt.
Treasurer—H. D. Smith.
Secretary—F. W. Sanborn.
Directors—S. I. Millett, C. L. Hathaway, H. B. Foster, C. N. Tubbs and S. S. Stearns.

Norway band played a few selections at the park stand Saturday evening. Judging from the size of the crowd we should say the music was greatly appreciated.

During Rev. Marcus Carroll's absence in New York no services will be held at the Episcopal church.

Mrs. Everett F. Bicknell and daughter are visiting in Buckfield.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford County Board of Underwriters at Freeland Howe's office Monday, the following officers were elected:

President—A. S. Hathaway, Canton.
Secretary—Freeland Howe, Norway.
Treasurer—W. R. Tarbox, Fryeburg.

The turkey will be paid for by the merchants and clerks on the north side of Main Street. They can't play base ball as well as their rivals on the south side of Main Street. Everything is well and they take their defeat bravely.

COMBINATION CASE CONTEST.

HOW THE SCORE STANDS THIS WEEK.

Several of the candidates make an advance with no change of position from last week.

The entries and points deposited at this time are as follows:

CLASS NO. ONE.

Includes the South Paris Village Corporation.

Miss M. Bolster, South Paris,	4071
Charles S. Stuart, South Paris,	2750
Mrs. C. L. Buck, South Paris,	1050
Paris Grange, South Paris,	650
Donald H. Bean, South Paris,	375

CLASS NO. TWO.

Includes the town of Paris outside the village corporation.

Paris Hill Academy, Paris Hill,	635

CLASS NO. THREE.

Includes the town of Norway.

Francis H. Swett, Norway,	3663

CLASS NO. FOUR.

Includes the towns of Rumford and Bethel.

Florence M. Hoyt, Rumford,	558
Nina Swain, Rumford,	5

CLASS NO. FIVE.

Includes the towns of Buckfield, Canton, Dixfield and Oxford.

Mollie S. Cole, Buckfield,	2995
Wade C. Trask, Dixfield,	2595

CLASS NO. SIX.

Includes the towns of Fryeburg, Brownfield, Hiram, Porter, Denmark, Lovell, Waterford, Greenwood and Albany.

A. Maude Witham, Denmark,	353
Josephine B. Stearns, Lovell Ctr.,	173
Eunice M. Barker, Fryeburg Ctr.,	159
Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, Brownfield,	105
Edith M. Walker, No. Fryeburg,	25
Ellsworth W. Sawyer, Porter,	8

CLASS NO. SEVEN.

Includes the towns of Hebron, Sumner, Hartford, Peru, Andover and Woodstock.

Ella S. Heald, East Sumner,	7350

CLASS NO. EIGHT.

Includes the towns of Mexico, Roxbury, Byron, Gilead, Mason, Hanover, Newry, Grafton, Upton, Stoneham, Sweden, Stow and the several Plantations in Oxford County.

Oscar G. Mason, Mason,	1375
A. J. Blake, Gilead,	20

CLASS NO. NINE.

The defeated candidate scoring the highest number of points regardless of class.

CLASS NO. TEN.

The defeated candidate scoring the second highest number of points regardless of class.

MAINE NEWS NOTES.

A cut in wages of 12 to 16 per cent is reported at the Worombo woolen mill at Lisbon Falls.

The Bath Iron Works has a contract to build a new lightship for the United States government.

The secessionists from the church at Oak Ridge, who have held their services in a tent for some time, have begun the erection of a church.

By a premature blast on the extension of the Biddeford water works Tuesday, Peter Pourrier lost one eye, and probably spoiled the sight of the other.

Mrs. Belle Gilman, a wealthy Waterville widow, has been sued for $40,000 by a Mrs. Tufts of Massachusetts, for alienation of her husband's affections.

Melvin Ellis of Rockland declares that he and his family have not all been drowned as was reported two weeks since. He is probably correct in his statement.

The most unique express package to cross the state this week was that of 200 live bull frogs that started Monday from Vanceboro to Du Bois, Penn. They will be fattened there for the New York and Philadelphia markets.

There was a big fire among the Rockland lime kilns Tuesday. The Pillsbury kiln shed, the Snow kiln shed and the trestle work of the Lime Rock Railroad were burned. The heat was so intense that it was almost impossible for the firemen to work, but by energetic means they finally brought the fire under control. It is estimated that the total damage will reach $30,000. It is thought the fire must have been incendiary.

At Mechanic Falls the other day, a traveler came across three women and two girls working on the road. They had a wheelbarrow and a shovel or two and were filling up a hole of long standing in the highway. They said the hole had been there a long time and the street commissioner hadn't got round to fill it up; so they had taken the shovel and the wheelbarrow in their own hands. They made the repairs in firstrate shape. Next time the street commissioner won't wait to have his work done for him.

PERSONAL.

Emmons T. Verrill of Bethel has been granted a pension.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Hills, the jeweler, Norway, offers no such inducements to patrons as cheap work, still his prices are no higher than any first-class workman.

Hills, Norway, is the only practical optician in Oxford County; the only one in this county who ever attended an optical school, and has diploma for same. No mail diplomas. He can back up his statements and use no wind.

A. P. Bassett of Norway has been recently appointed fish and game warden, he also holds the office of state detective, coroner and constable. Any business reported to him in either line will receive prompt attention. All letters are held strictly confidential and promptly answered.

OFF FOR THE SEASIDE.

Parties contemplating pleasure with business while taking treatment for Alcohol, Morphine and Nervous Prostration, go to the Keeley Institute, Portland, Maine. Boating, sea-fishing, island life, aquatic pleasures are at your command. One month's treatment for Nerve Exhaustion is equivalent to twelve months' pleasuring and much cheaper.

Shake Into Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Cereal Coffee Drinkers BEWARE!

If you have been deceived and tried one of the cheap bran substitutes now on the market, claiming to be the original and to have great food value, and you got a pound of poorly roasted bran for your 25c. and a poor, weak, sickish drink (what can you expect from bran), don't be discouraged but try GRAIN-O. It is made from solid grain, nicely browned and 2 pounds for 25c. Grain-O takes the place of coffee at 1-4 the price. Get a package of your grocer to-day.

What do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and tastes like choice coffee but costs about 1-4 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

BORN.

In West Peru, Aug. 2, to the wife of A. C. Hammond, a daughter.
In East Peru, July 26, to the wife of Horace Clark, a son.
In Lovell, Aug 3, to the wife of F. L. Pottle, a son.
In West Sumner, July 30, to the wife of I. O. Swift, a daughter.
In South Waterford, July 30, to the wife of C. O. Brown, a daughter.
In Bethel, Aug. 2, to the wife of Daniel Spearing, a daughter.
In Mexico, Aug. 1, to the wife of Frank H. Bennett, a son, (10 lbs, 9 oz.)

MARRIED.

In Colebrook, N. H., July 30, Guy Jordan and Miss Gertrude Elwood, both of Rumford Falls.
In Mexico, Aug. 1, by Rev C. T. Keene, Mr. A. E. Small and Miss Helena O. Park.

DIED.

In South Paris, Aug. 8, William E. Cushman, aged 75 years.
In Augusta, July 30, Mrs. Mary E. widow of the late A. S. Bartlett of Norway, aged 50 years, 4 months, 20 days.
In North Waterford, July 30, Merrill Charles, aged 50 years, 9 months, 16 days.
In Greenwood, July 27, John R. Foster, aged 45 years, 8 months.
In Rumford Falls, Aug. 3, Philip Abbott Virgin aged 74 years.

PIGS,

at $1.50 each, from 4 to 6 weeks old.

O. R. CLIFFORD.

THE MAINE STATE FAIR, LEWISTON, Aug. 30, 31; Sept. 1, 2, 3. THE OLD TIME DATES.

Horseless Carriage Races. Firemen's Muster.
Everything New, Novel and Interesting. . . .

MEET YOUR FRIENDS THERE.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY. STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss:—Norway, July 28th, A. D. 1897.

This is to give Notice, that on the 28th day of July, A. D. 1897, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of

ERNEST L. PIKE of Waterford,

adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 28th day of July, A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 18th day of August, A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

THADDEUS CROSS, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY. STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss:—Norway, July 27th, A. D. 1897.

This is to give notice, that on the 26th day of July A. D. 1897, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of

LOTON W. FLINT of Waterford,

adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 18t hday of Aug., A. D. 1897, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

THADDEUS CROSS, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY. STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss:—Canton, July 22nd, A. D. 1897.

This is to give Notice, that on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1897, a Warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of

WILLIAM M. STUBBS of Canton,

adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 17th day of July, A. D. 1897, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 18th day of Aug., A. D. 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

R. A. BARROWS, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY. STATE OF MAINE.

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No. 173.—Curtailments.

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2. Curtail a beverage and find an insect.
3. Curtail a bird and find a small cutting.
4. Curtail an animal and find a river in Scotland.
5. Curtail a vehicle and find another.
6. Curtail a nobleman's title and find an organ of one of the senses.

No. 174.—Illustrated Primal Acrostic.

Each of the eight small pictures may be described by a single word. When these words have been rightly guessed and placed one below another in the order in which they are numbered, the initial letters will spell the name of a distinguished personage.—St. Nicholas.

No. 175.—Numerical Enigma.

My 3, 36, 12, 16, 14, is to disconnect.
My 27, 19, 2, 18, is just.
My 1, 2, 20, 25, 13, 6, is a kind of tree.
My 29, 23, 35, 5, 18, is to keep near.
My 31, 17, 10, 34, 21, is noble.
My 4, 24, 10, 22, 37, are used by blacksmiths.
My 15, 26, 32, 28, is a large number.
My 9, 7, 11, 8, is a prophet.
My 18, 33, 30, 34, is a kind of dance.
The whole is a proverb which is especially applicable to the curious.

No. 176.—Rhyming Puzzle.

Fill in the blanks at the ends of the lines with suitable rhymes. When the dash is divided, it is to show that more than one syllable is to be used:

THE FAIRIES.

On a moonbeam brightly — —
We fairies glide — —
Or on flow'ry banks — — —
Awake the cheerful —
Where the stars are —
By the glowworm's —
In merry sport we —
Where the nightingales are — —
Where the flow'ry bells are — —
We dance till dawn of —
As with pleasure bounding — —
By the dewdrops gleaming — —
We dance and —

No. 177.—Floral Anagrams.

1. H. Y. doll blockhouse.
2. Ida's pine pin.
3. Eda A. 20 deep pails.
4. Owl fork enemy.
5. Man U. roll in a Ute.
6. U look for C. C.
7. Rich gin for Sed.
8. Agent finger din.
9. Haigrain must dye gain now.
10. D. T. L's beautiful glory.
11. To go live hot dot.
12. Do go down low grief.
13. Still my rude.
14. Match a Y. in horn.

No. 178.—Transpositions.

Transpose: 1. Present time into to possess. 2. Base or mean into a bird. 3. An animal into to glide smoothly. 4. To whip into a game. 5. An insect into part of a book. 6. To jump into an excuse. 7. An article of furniture into to cry like a sheep.

Things to Think About.

If a pair of glasses are spectacles, is one a spectacle? And, if not, why not?

Can a glazier give a window a glass too much?

When a Daniel comes to judgment, is the latter glad to see him?

Whether any man ever kicked a sneaking kindness?

Whether a modest request ever blushes?

Whether a blind man can be held liable for a bill payable at sight?

Where is the sad sea?

What is the value of a rich tone?

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 164.—The Apple Woman: From the remaining 12 deduct 1, and 11 is the number she sold the last customer. This is half of what she then had, which was therefore 22. From 22 deduct 2, and the remainder, 20, was two-thirds of her prior stock, which was therefore 30. From 30 deduct 10, and the remainder, 20, is half her original stock, which must thus have been 40 apples.

No. 165.—Octagon and Diamond:

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No. 166.—Rhymed Numerical: Note.
No. 167.—A Date Puzzle: 1897.
No. 168.—Charade: Peal, leap, pale.
No. 169.—Which Line Is the Longest? The upper horizontal line appears at first glance to be longer than the other, but is of the same length.
No. 170.—Anagram: Retrieves.
No. 171.—Hidden American Cities: 1. La Crosse. 2. Denver. 3. New Haven. 4. Charleston.
No. 172.—Floral Anagrams: 1. Golden rod. 2. Harebell. 3. Heliotrope. 4. Hepatica. 5. American Holly. 6. Tom Thumb Nasturtiums. 7. Cultivated Hyacinth. 8. Forgetmenot. 9. Evening Primrose. 10. Rhododendron. 11. Anemone Japonica. 12. Azalea Indica. 13. Hydrangea Hortensia. 14. Persian Lilac. 15. Pelargonium Variegatum.

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HAM AND BACON.

HAM SALAD.

Of lean, cold boiled ham, cut into quarter-inch dice about one pint. Shave the same amount of firm, crisp cabbage. Slice very thin two small cucumber pickles and two pickled button onions or scullions if in season. Make a bed of the cabbage in a salad dish, put the ham in the middle, then the pickles and onions, and pour over it a hot dressing made as follows:

Boil half a cupful of vinegar with two teaspoonfuls of sugar, half a teaspoonful each of salt and mustard, and half a saltspoonful of pepper. Melt one tablespoonful of butter, stir into it one teaspoonful of flour and add gradually the hot vinegar. When thick and smooth stir in another tablespoonful of butter and pour into it one well-beaten egg, stirring thoroughly or the egg will be lumpy.

EGGS STUFFED WITH HAM.

Boil six eggs twenty minutes. Remove the shells and cut carefully lengthwise. Remove the yolks and put the two whites of each egg together that they may not become mixed. Rub the yolks through a gravy strainer and add to them three teaspoonfuls of cold boiled ham chopped fine and mashed to a powder, a few drops of onion juice or any favorite ketchup or sauce, and enough melted butter to moisten the mixture to a smooth paste. Fill the whites just level with the mixture, press the two halves together, being careful to fit them just where they were cut. Arrange them on a shallow dish, thicken one cupful of hot milk with one tablespoonful of flour mixed with one tablespoonful of melted butter. Boil until thick, then add carefully the remainder of the yolk mixture. Pour this over the eggs, sprinkle lightly with fine buttered bread crumbs and bake a few minutes, or until the crumbs are slightly colored.

HAM OMELET.

Beat the yolks of three eggs thoroughly, add three tablespoonfuls of milk and a shake of pepper, and three tablespoonfuls of very fine chopped ham. Beat the whites stiff and fold them into the yolks, add salt if needed. Cook in a hot buttered omelet pan until slightly colored, then set the pan in the oven until the surface is firm but not browned. Loosen it from the edge, lay very thin slices of ham on one half of the omelet, and invert on a hot platter.

SCRAMBLED EGGS.

Spread four slices of hot toast with a thin layer of potted ham. Beat four eggs slightly with a fork, season with salt and pepper, add half a cupful of milk. Turn into a hot buttered omelet pan, and stir with a fork until the egg is slightly thickened. Turn at once on the toast and serve quickly.

ITALIAN HAM TOAST.

Boil three eggs twenty minutes, remove the shells, chop the whites very fine and sift the yolks. Cut six slices of bread into rounds and toast a delicate brown. Thicken one cupful of cream with one teaspoonful of cornstarch, cooked in one tablespoonful of melted butter, season with salt and pepper. Chop one cupful of cold ham until fine as meal, moisten the chopped whites with a little of the thickened cream and put the remainder of the cream on a hot platter. Sprinkle the ham on the cream, then lay on the rounds of toast. Cover each round with the whites, and with a spoon pile the sifted yolk in the centre of each. Put into the oven a few minutes to warm and then garnish with water cresses.

BACON AND LIVER.

Pour boiling water over the liver, let it stand till cool, then drain, remove the thin skin and the veins. Slice for serving. Roll in flour and fry quickly in hot bacon fat. Drain and serve garnished with the fried bacon.

PICNIC OR LUNCHEON HAM.

Boil six eggs twenty minutes and remove the shells. Chop one cup of lean boiled ham very fine and pound it to a paste till every fibre is separated. Cook one-third of a cupful of stale white bread crumbs in one-third of a cupful of milk to a smooth paste, add half a teaspoonful of mixed mustard, a few grains of cayenne, and mix with the ham. Unite the two with one raw egg slightly beaten. It should be just stiff enough to hold together. If too soft add a little bread. Divide it into six portions, and taking one in the left hand flatten it slightly, put one of the hard-boiled eggs in the centre and work the paste up and over until the egg is covered. When all are covered fry them in smoking hot fat. Drain and serve them hot for luncheon or cold for picnics. Divide them in the middle lengthwise and arrange each half on a bed of fine parsley.—American Kitchen Magazine.

RECIPES.

JAM CAKE.

Cream well together one-half of a cupful of butter and one cupful of sugar. Add the beaten yolks of two eggs, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of vanilla. Stir in alternately one and one-half cupfuls of flour and one-half of a cupful of milk. Beat hard for five minutes, add the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs and one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Beat for a moment, divide in three layer pans and bake in a moderate oven. When cold spread raspberry jam between the layers.

FRUIT PUNCH.

Dissolve two cupfuls of sugar in three pints of boiling water, boil for one minute and cool. When cold add one cupful of lemon juice, one cupful of orange juice and one and one-half cupfuls of syrup from any red fruit preserves such as cherries, raspberries or strawberries. Ice and drop in it one-half of a cupful of the preserved fruits, or any fresh fruits may be used.

PARKERHOUSE ROLLS.

Scald one pint of milk; add two tablespoonfuls of butter, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and one of salt; when cool add one yeast cake dissolved in a little lukewarm water and sufficient flour to make a drop batter. Beat hard for five minutes, cover and stand the bowl in a pan of warm water until light and spongy. Sift in flour to make a soft dough, turn out on a floured board and knead until velvety and smooth; return to the bowl, cover and set again in hot water until the dough has doubled its size. Turn out on a well floured board and roll down to one-half inch thick. Cut in rounds with a cutter, make a crease across the centre of each with the back of a knife, brush the edge with a little melted butter, fold and press the edges together. Place an inch apart on greased pans and when light bake from twelve to fifteen minutes in a very hot oven.

TOASTED CRACKERS AND CHEESE.

Split Boston crackers and spread very lightly with soft butter. Put on each a thick layer of grated cheese, dust with salt and cayenne and put in a hot oven until the cheese melts and is slightly colored. These may be served with cold salads or as a side relish for tea.

DELMONICO ICE CREAM.

Scald one pint of milk; add the yolks of six eggs beaten until light with one cupful of sugar and stir until the mixture thickens. Take from the fire, add one pint of cream; when cool add one tablespoonful of vanilla or any preferred flavoring and freeze.

FIG CAKE.

Cream thoroughly together one scant cupful of butter, add one and one-half cupfuls of sugar and beat again; add the beaten yolks of three eggs, one teaspoonful of vanilla and one quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, then alternately three cupfuls of flour and one-half of a cupful of milk. Beat well, add the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff froth and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in four layers and when cold put together with the following filling:

Chop one-half of a pound of figs very fine; add five level tablespoonfuls of sugar and one-half of a cupful of boiling water; cook in a double boiler until thick enough to spread, add one teaspoonful of vanilla and put between the cake.—Table Talk.

THE RAINBOW IN THE SPRAY.

The tide is foul that sweeps about the town—
A yellow, turbid, disenchanting flood
Of city refuse mixed, and oil and mud.
But when a ferryboat, big, ugly, brown,
Against the gale of March comes lumbering down,
The waves she flings to either side are bright
With spray as dazzling in the sun's keen light,
As white, as fair, as pure as snow at dawn.
And in the spindrift from each chopping crest
The colors of the rainbow meet and play.
So in each life, however dull and gray,
There comes some breeze of fortune at its best,
Cheering the heart with love or hope or rest
And shining like the rainbow in the spray.
—J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

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"Well, after some years we moved back. Same concern moved us in, but they didn't know us at the office any more than if they had never heard of us. Arrived in the city, the men with the vans—it was a different crew from that that took us out—began lugging in the things just as the men that moved us out had done in the country. Nobody said anything about pay, and I wondered again what would happen if they got the stuff all in and then the owner didn't pay. But they kept on hustling the things in just as if they felt perfectly easy and secure about that.

"After awhile the stuff was pretty much all in—practically all but the piano—and I wondered why they hadn't brought that in before, because I had seen it loaded, and I knew it was one of the last things loaded on at the very rear end of one of the vans. So I went out to see, and there was the piano, right where I had seen it when it was put aboard, at the extreme rear end of the van, while all the stuff in front had been taken out, carried around the end of the piano and on into the house. In front of it the van was empty.

"Passing through the hall, I met the head driver, the boss of the party, and he, just casually meeting me in that way in the hall, handed over the bill for the moving, and I paid it on the spot. Then, everything else having been moved in, the whole gang tallied on to the piano and walked it right into the house.

"Of course it may have only just happened that the piano wasn't moved in until I had paid the bill, but this didn't give me quite such a flattering opinion of myself as the other way had, but it more than confirmed my original opinion of the shrewdness and ability of the van folks. They made few mistakes and took even fewer risks."—New York Sun.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.

The Employment of Free Labor Gives the Best Results.

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The employment of convicts in road construction is very popular just now, as offering simultaneously a solution of the two troublesome problems of what to do with our prison population and how to improve our highways. In view of the fact that the convicts in New York, Indiana and other states are kept idle, as the law makes no provision for their support, it is well that Louisiana should take some steps to utilize hers when it has them on its hands, and road construction seems an ideal employment for them.

On the other hand, the experience of those states which have been most successful with their roads is that only the best labor (and convict labor is not the best) should be employed in their construction and maintenance. No state which has made any material improvement with its highways has employed convict labor, and no state which has employed that kind of labor has secured much improvement in its roads. The best results have been accomplished by road taxes and the giving out of contracts.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of Aug. A. D. 1897, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

HORACE CUMMINGS, late of Paris, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of an administratrix with the will annexed, presented by Emeline H. Cummings, widow of said deceased.

GEORGE W. STAPLES, late of Oxford, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of an administrator with the will annexed, presented by Flora Dunn, formerly Flora Staples, widow of said deceased.

JAMES J. WATSON, late of Hiram, deceased. Will and petition for probate of same presented by Emerson Kimball, the executor therein named.

CYRUS C. SPAULDING, late of Buckfield, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Benjamin Spaulding, the executor therein named.

CHARLES A. WARREN, late of Sumner, deceased. Petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Appleton F. Mason, administrator.

MARSHALL WALKER, late of Fryeburg, deceased. Petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Edward C. Walker, administrator.

EBENEZER R. HOLMES, late of Oxford, deceased. Petition for a partial distribution of funds belonging to said estate, presented by James S. Wright and Winfield S. Starbird, trustees.

CHARLOTTE KIMBALL, late of Sweden, deceased. Resignation and petition for acceptance of same, presented by D. Eugene Chaplin, administrator.

BLANCHE WAIT, late of Dixfield, deceased. First account presented for allowance by Eugene E. Holman, executor.

GEORGE W. GARLAND, late of Paris, deceased. Will and petition for probate thereof presented by Maria M. Garland, the executrix therein named.

SEWARD S. STEARNS, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—Attest:—
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the estate of EDGAR F. SWAN, late of Paris, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

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